

FIRST
SECTION
...
Thursday,
May 15,
2008

CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE

Publishing
In Grayling
Since 1879
...
50¢

Grayling motocross racer competes at Ford Field

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A Grayling Motocross racer won the luck of the draw to race in the "Lion's Den," marking a milestone in his young career.

Sam Davis, age 8, was one of 15 youngsters from across North America who were selected to compete in the KTM Junior Supercross Challenge, held as part of the Detroit Motocross at Ford Field, on April 12. Ford Field is the home of the Detroit Lions.

Davis won a lottery draw to compete in the race for 7 and 8-year-old motorcyclists. He applied to take part in the event last fall, and had to submit an extensive resume that included his height, weight, riding experience and reports from doctors.

The KTM Junior Challenge was sandwiched between main events during the Detroit Motocross.

"He rode the same track as the big guys in front of thousands and thousands of people, so it was quite an experience," said Chris Davis, Sam's mother.

Sam took a spill on his bike going into the first turn of the race, but raced hard enough to finish fifth in the event, which included riders from across the United States and Canada.

"He worked hard to get back
Continued on Page 7A
See "MOTORCROSS..."



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Sam Davis, age 8, above, was one of 15 youngsters from across North America who were selected to compete in the KTM Junior Supercross Challenge, held as part of the Detroit Motocross at Ford Field, on April 12.

Cemetery clean-up snafu riles residents

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

City of Grayling officials vowed to improve communications and implement new policies regarding the maintenance of the Elmwood Cemetery, after a mass cleaning around grave sites resulted in items thrown away.

The cleaning snafu, which occurred last month, caused mementos and keepsakes, placed by families whose loved ones are laid to rest in the Elmwood Cemetery, to be thrown in the dumpster by City Department of Public Works (DPW) employees.

Grayling City Manager David Thayer said that DPW employees were asked to progressively clean up the cemetery over a course of several days or weeks, so that the city did not have to scramble to prepare the cemetery in time for Memorial Day ceremonies. Instead, Thayer said the employees did a clean-sweep of the cemetery on Tuesday, April 22, removing items that had been placed on the graves of loved ones last fall for the holidays, and some items that were just placed on the
Continued on Page 7A
See "CEMETERY..."

City of Grayling taps residents for stormwater rain garden redo

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

City of Grayling officials are starting an adopt-a-rain garden program in an effort to beautify the community and help protect the water quality of the AuSable River.

City officials are encouraging residents on the south side of the community, where 86 rain gardens were created as part of the city's stormwater project, to volunteer to help maintain and beautify the areas.

Rain gardens were created to allow stormwater that flows off the city streets to naturally filter back into the groundwater, thereby keeping pollutants out of the AuSable River.

The city received a \$758,000 grant through the state's Clean Michigan Initiative program, which was administered by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. Additional funding for the \$1 million stormwater project came from numerous Trout Unlimited, conservation and angler organizations.

The rain gardens were created two-years ago, and were initially planted with native plants and flowers.

But, due to drought conditions
Continued on Page 3A
See "CITY TAPS..."



Photo by Dan Sanderson

City of Grayling officials are encouraging residents on the south side of the community, where 86 rain gardens were created as part of the city's stormwater project, to volunteer to help maintain and beautify the areas. Above, Jennifer Muladore, an ecologist with Huron Pines, a non-profit conservation organization which has overseen the stormwater project for the city, is coordinating the replanting of the rain gardens with city residents.

Incumbents win school board seats

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Two incumbents on the Crawford AuSable School Board of Education retained their seats in the regular school election held last week.

Incumbent Sandra Enos received 211 votes, over challenger Richard Febey who had 200 votes cast in his favor, for a four-year seat on the school board.

Enos was appointed to the board in November to fill out the seat vacated by Judith Gorski, a Crawford AuSable Board of Education trustee and a retired Grayling High School principal, who resigned from the board due to family health issues.

In the other contested race for the school board, incumbent Jane Lange, the current school board secretary, won a two-year seat on the board with 220 votes.

Lange was elected to the school board in 2004, and is finishing her first four-year term.

Dave Shriver received 142 votes, while Tony Thomson trailed the field with 38 votes cast in his favor.

Just 411 voters, or 4 percent of the 11,500 registered voters
Continued on Page 3A
See "INCUMBENTS..."

Headlines

Attorney running for prosecutor's office. 2A
Truck Fair a tremendous success 3A
Restoration business opens office in Grayling 11A
Softball team wins two games at Alcona 1B
Boys track squad wins eight of 17 events 2B

Vol 130 - No. 20, 22 PAGES - 2 SECTIONS
PO Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738 (989) 348-6811

All rights reserved. Copyright The Crawford County Avalanche. This content may not be archived, retransmitted, saved in a database, or used for any commercial purpose without the express written permission of The Crawford County Avalanche.

www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com



0 4 8 7 9 1 1 0 0 0

Inside

Business Directory. 8-10A
Church Directory 6A
Classifieds. 7-10B
Facts & Features 6B
Legal Notices 4-5B
Opinions 4A
Sports & Rec. ... 1-4B, 10B
Obituaries 6A



ATTENTION: CRAWFORD COUNTY RESIDENTS

Do you need help paying your rent?

The Housing Choice Voucher Program (previously termed Section 8), administered by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA), may be your answer.

HCV is a federally-funded rental subsidy program that assists families in paying their rent. If you currently reside or work in Crawford County, your income falls within allowable limits, and the rental unit you choose to live in meets the Housing Quality Standards and rental limits set forth by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), MSHDA may be able to help pay your rent. Proof of residency in Crawford County is required (see requirements below).

If you wish to have an application mailed to you, please call (989) 275-7265 and ask to speak with Teresa Kelly. If you reach a recording device, be sure to leave your complete name and mailing address so that an application can be mailed to you.

All completed applications and proof of residency in Crawford County must be mailed to:

TC Kelly
ATTN: Teresa Kelly
P.O. Box 728
Roscommon, MI 48653

Residency Documentation Requirements: You must provide a COPY of proof of residency in Crawford County along with your application. Acceptable documentation includes: a current lease, driver's license, state ID card, utility bill, social security printout or voter's registration card. If the applicant or household member works, or has been hired to work in Crawford County, please provide a COPY of proof of the work address or a letter from the employer verifying employment.

MSHDA is an Equal Opportunity Lender and an Equal Opportunity Employer.

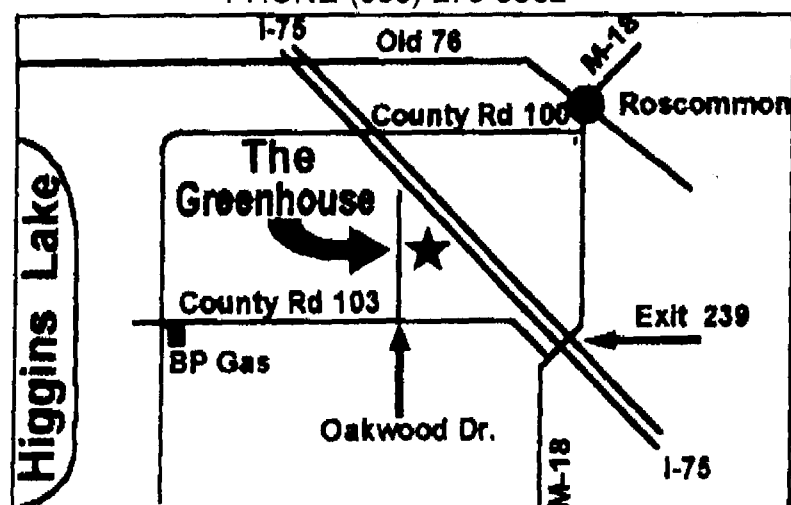
GMS students team with American Legion Auxiliary in poppy poster contest



Grayling Middle School students participated in the 2nd Annual Poppy Poster Contest. Posters were placed in store windows around town to promote the American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Fund-raiser that took place May 8 through May 10. Student posters emphasized the patriotism of supporting the veterans who served our country. Cara Miller's design, which included a flag, won first place. She was followed by Scott Wakeley in 2nd place, Madison Juntilla in 3rd place, Michael Beck in 4th place and Colbie Wakeley in 5th place. Pictured above are poppy poster winners and sponsors, back row (L to R): Mary Herman, Student Council Advisor; Greta Chapp and Ann Hamlin, American Legion Auxiliary Members; and Cara Miller. Front row (L to R): Scott Wakeley, Michael Beck, Colbie Wakeley and Madison Juntilla.

THE GREENHOUSE

9400 OAKWOOD DR., ROSCOMMON
PHONE (989) 275-5062



Bedding Plants * Perennials * Herbs
Proven Winners
Veggie Plants * Gift Certificates Available
HOURS: MON-SAT. 9-6 SUN 10-5
SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL GROWER

Attorney running for prosecutor's office

A Grayling attorney has filed to run for the Crawford County Prosecutor's office this fall.

Everette "Trey" Ayers, III is running as a Republican candidate for the Crawford County Prosecutor's office, which is being vacated by longtime Prosecutor John Huss. Huss is retiring after the end of the year and is not seeking re-election.

Ayers was born and raised in South Carolina and has lived in Michigan since 1998. He and his wife, Karen (Schlehuber), a Crawford County resident of 39 years, have been married for two years and have five children between them. Ayers is a Grayling Rotarian and a member of the Grayling Youth Booster Club. Karen sits on the board of the Youth Booster Club. Both are actively involved in many aspects

of our community.

Ayers began his career as a law enforcement officer. He then decided to return to school with the intent of becoming a lawyer. He received his bachelor's degree from Coastal Carolina University and graduated from Michigan State University Detroit College of Law "Summa Cum Laude." During law school, he clerked for a Lansing firm and then served as an intern in the governor's office with Governor John Engler's criminal justice policy advisor. Ayers was a member of the King Scholars and received the Ralph M. Freeman Award for civility and professionalism from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. He also received jurisprudence awards in evidence, secured transactions, estates and future

interest. After law school, Ayers clerked in Grayling for the 46th Circuit Court before entering private practice.

In 2004, Ayers began working for Carey and Jaskowski, P.L.L.C., where he was assigned to the court appointed criminal contract. He served in that position for three years, handling hundreds of felony cases and numerous neglect and abuse cases in Crawford, Kalkaska, Roscommon and Otsego counties. He is currently employed with Bloomquist and Associates, P.L.L.C., where he continues to serve as guardian (representative) for the children of Crawford County in neglect and abuse cases, while privately practicing criminal and civil law.

As president of the 46th Circuit Bar Association, Ayers



Everette Ayers, III

helped institute a pro bono (free) divorce clinic. This clinic runs in conjunction with River House Shelter and Legal Aid under the direction of 46th Circuit Court Judge Janet M. Allen. The clinic provides free divorce advice to the citizens of Crawford County that cannot otherwise afford to pay for an attorney. Numerous local attorneys graciously volunteer their time to help with the clinic.

Ayers' goal as prosecutor is to bring a "common sense approach" to the prosecutor's office.

"As the chief law enforcement officer of the county, a prosecutor has a responsibility to decide what charges, if any, are to be pursued and to investigate and determine if the offense along with the evidence meets the criteria to bring charges," Ayers said. "Not every case is the same and each needs to be reviewed with a fresh perspective."

If elected, Ayers said he will be tough on crime with a common sense approach. He said his experience as both a defense attorney and a former law enforcement officer give him a fresh perspective that will have a positive impact for all of our residents.

If elected, Ayers plans on having an open door policy and believes the public needs to have access to the prosecutor.

Ayers said he will work closely with all law enforcement in our county.

"Our officers work very hard and we need to work together to make Crawford County a safe place to live," Ayers said. "Complacency can be costly and simple investigation will reveal the strength or weakness of a case."

Ayers said he will save the county money by increasing efficiency and will have only necessary trials.

"The prosecutor has the ability to make a significant impact on the community, and if elected, I will maintain contact with the Crawford County residents," he said.

Ayers believes all elected officials have a duty to listen to the voices of the community and should not turn a deaf ear to those they serve. He has long term goals in Crawford County and wants to hold the office for as long as the people will allow him to represent them.

Drive one.

2008 FORD FOCUS
\$195⁶⁸ mo.
\$62 due at signing.
Plus tax, 36-month, 10,500 miles per year Red Carpet Lease with A/Z plan

2008 FORD FUSION
\$210¹⁵ mo.
\$92 due at signing.
Plus tax, 36-month, 10,500 miles per year Red Carpet Lease with A/Z

2008 FORD EDGE
\$291⁰⁶ mo.
\$103 due at signing.
Plus tax, 36-month, 10,500 miles per year Red Carpet Lease with A/Z

(989) 348-3242
800-348-5583
www.mcford.com

McNAMARA
OF GRAYLING

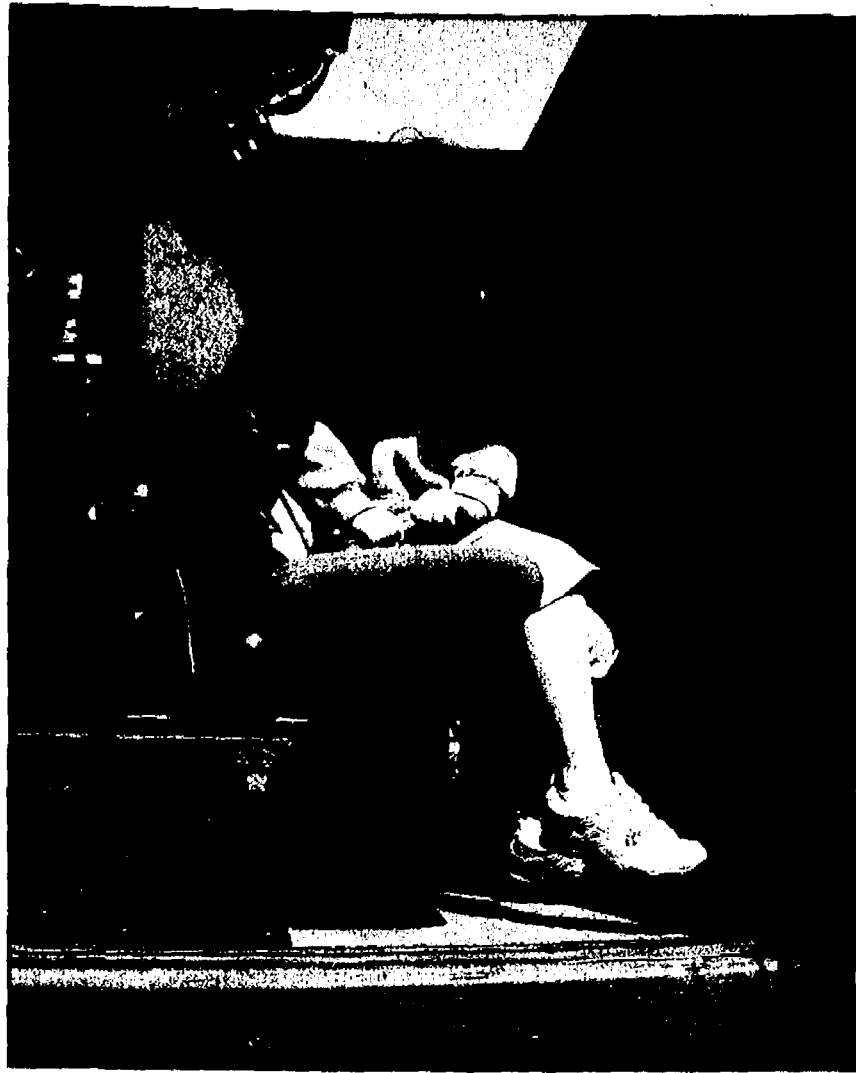
208 South James
S. I-75 Business Loop
Grayling, Michigan

<p>1997 CADILLAC SEVILLE Stock #4170 \$2,655</p>	<p>2001 CHEVY MALIBU LS V-6, moonroof, Stock #41264 \$5,568 \$129 mo.</p>	<p>2002 KIA SEDONA Stock #4119 \$5,800 \$98 mo.</p>	<p>2003 FORD F-250 - 4X4 Supercrew, Steel, Stock #41235 \$12,800</p>
<p>2004 FORD EXPLORER SPORT TRAC 4x4, Stock #4134 \$13,768 234 mo.</p>	<p>2004 FORD EXPLORER XLT 4x4, Stock #4132R \$14,977 \$254 mo.</p>	<p>2005 FORD CLUB WAGON 12-passenger van, Stock #4143 \$13,700 \$229 mo.</p>	<p>2005 FORD FREESTAR Limited, DVD, Stock #4130R \$14,966 \$254 mo.</p>
<p>2006 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN Stock #4108 \$14,655 \$239 mo.</p>	<p>2006 FORD RANGER 4X4 Supercrew, Stock #4131R \$17,856 \$298 mo.</p>	<p>2007 FORD EDGE 3,000 miles, Stock #4183R \$22,975 \$377 mo.</p>	<p>2007 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE 11,000 miles, Stock #4182R \$18,976 \$312 mo.</p>
<p>WE DELIVER ANYWHERE! WE'RE YOUR EARLY OUT LEASE HEAD-QUARTERS!</p>			
<p>2007 FORD FREESTAR 18,000 miles, Stock #4180R \$19,987 \$328 mo.</p>	<p>2007 FORD FUSION SE Stock #4098R \$14,653 \$249 mo.</p>	<p>2007 FORD FIVE HUNDRED 12,000 miles, Stock #4170R \$15,874 \$269⁸⁷ mo.</p>	
<p>Kevin Buehler Vice President</p>	<p>Dong Kowalczyk Business Manager</p>	<p>Terry Norman Sales & Leasing</p>	<p>Mick Borel Sales & Leasing</p>

Stop in and ask our friendly sales staff for more details!

Payments on approved credit. Terms may vary. Taxes down.

Truck Fair a tremendous success



Photos by Dan Sanderson

About 350 people attended the Truck Fair, a fund-raiser and event held to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Grayling Cooperative Preschool, at Hanson Hills on Saturday. Above left, Olivia Owners, age 5, a Grayling Cooperative Preschool student, gets a close up view inside a Camp Grayling Fire Department fire truck. Above right, Kali Harding, age 2, visits with McGruft the Crime Dog, who was brought to the Truck Fair by the Crawford County Sheriff's Office. Below left, Madison Sprtel, age 8, and her brother, Liam Sprtel, age 7, check out "The Gauntlet," an inflatable obstacle course used by the Michigan National Guard. Below right, Jordan Houghton, age 5, gets his face painted by Abbey Helsel, a Grayling High School sophomore, who volunteered at the event to fulfill her school-required community service hours for graduation.

City taps residents for stormwater rain garden redo

Continued from Page 1A

and the overgrowth of weeds, city officials and residents are not pleased with the aesthetics of the rain gardens.

"It was an experiment, and with some experiments you have problems," Grayling City Manager David Thayer said. "This is an opportunity to correct the problem and make the rain gardens an asset to the community."

Residents, who live near the rain gardens, will be given an opportunity to adopt and maintain the areas as a source of community pride. Those rain gardens that are not adopted will be replanted with grass, and will be mowed as part of the regular maintenance done by city Department of Public Works employees.

Residents who choose to take part in the program will be given the opportunity to select five flowers and two shrubs to plant in the rain gardens. Mulch and maintenance of the rain gardens will be done by crews from

Huron Pines, a non-profit conservation organization which has overseen the stormwater project for the city.

In addition, the city will give residents who adopt a rain garden up to 4,000 gallons of water

usage credit per year for three years to offset the cost of watering the rain gardens.

"If we can get enough participation, this will be a win-win for the community all the way around," Thayer said.

The Michigan Rural Water Association recently awarded the City of Grayling and Huron Pines its 2008 Exemplary Efforts in Environmental Protection award for the stormwater project initiative.

Incumbents win school board seats

Continued from Page 1A

who live in the Crawford AuSable School District's boundaries, cast ballots in the election held on Tuesday, May 6.

Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandra Moore, whose office oversees the school election, anticipated a low voter turnout since there were no school funding or other issues on the ballot. She added that some snowbirds have not returned from their winter destinations, and the request for absentee ballots was also down.

"I wish more people would get involved," Moore said. "We had good candidates, so you would think it would have sparked an interest."

Cost-Effective Statewide Coverage



Michigan Press Association
827 N. Washington
Lansing, MI 48906
Phone: 517.372.2424
Fax: 517.372.2424
www.michiganpress.org
bobbie@michiganpress.org

Place your 2x2 display ad and reach over 3.5 million readers for just \$999! Place a 25-word classified ad and reach over 4 million readers for just \$299! Contact this newspaper or Bobbie and Roselle at Michigan Press Association.

THE OLE BARN

Every Wednesday 9pm
DJ Michael J from 98.5WUPS
Drink Specials

Comedy Show May-18
Tickets Available

Monday Special- 99¢ Tacos, 99¢ Margarita

Karaoke Thursday
FREE Open Pool Sunday
LIVE BAND FRIDAY & SATURDAY EVENING

6811 M-72 West, Grayling

989-344-1760 • OPEN M-W 92PM / TH-SUN 6NOON

WE ARE CURRENTLY ACCEPTING
NEW PATIENTS OF ALL AGES.



**GRAYLING
FAMILY PRACTICE
CLINIC, P.C.**

1010 N. Down River Rd. W • Grayling, MI 49738

Services Provided Include:

- Adult & Child Health Maintenance Exams
- Same Day Sick Appointments
- Blood Pressure Monitoring
- Diabetes Education
- Osteopathic Manipulative Therapy
- Minor Surgeries
- Hospital Newborn
- Child & Adult Care
- Nursing Home Care in Grayling and more

Providing the highest quality healthcare, promoting wellness to the families of our community with compassion, dignity and respect.

Serving the community for over 40 years

WE PARTICIPATE WITH MEDICARE, BCBS OF MICHIGAN
AND MOST OTHER INSURANCE COMPANIES

- M. Burkley, D.O.
- C. Gosling, M.D.
- G. Hanert, D.O.
- L. Harrington, D.O.
- T. Jackson, D.O.
- W. McNamara, M.D.
- M. Rosi, FNP
- E. Weeks, D.O.

Call now for an appointment
989-348-7671

Come join the celebration!

The 15th Annual Kirtland's Warbler Festival

"A Celebration of Nature"

Saturday, May 17

Hosted by Kirtland Community College

Special Workshop!

Friday, May 16

with wildlife photographer
Rick Baetsen

Take an expanded 3-hour guided tour
with the chance to see North America's
rarest song bird - the Kirtland's Warbler!

And there's much, much more!

Activities for all ages, such as:

- Nature Presentations to entertain both young and old
- Music by The Blue Water Ramblers
- Arts & Craft vendors
- Kids' fishing pond, games and other fun activities
- Plenty of food and refreshments, including a pancake breakfast and chicken barbeque

Purchase of \$5 festival button required for those 15 and older. Fourteen and under admitted free!

For details, including a schedule of events, visit online at

warbler.kirtland.edu

In concert ... The Great
Lakes Myth Society!
at the KCPA
May 17 at 7 p.m.
Tickets \$10 per person,
or just \$5 if you have a
festival button!

OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

New minting could cost less, save money

I SEE BY THE PAPER that Congress is considering changing the metal content of the penny and nickel to save money.

Skyrocketing values of copper, nickel and zinc, the metals that go into minting American coins, make the penny and nickel worth way more than their trade value.

According to the US Mint, the penny now costs 1.26 cents to manufacture, and the nickel costs 7.7 cents to create.

The penny consists of 97.5 percent zinc and 2.5 percent copper, and both metals cost three or four times as much as they did a few years ago.

The nickel contains 75 percent copper and 25 percent nickel.

I always considered the penny as a copper coin, but in reality the penny has a very small amount of copper, while the nickel is three-quarters copper. Maybe the nickel should be called a copper, and the penny a zincer. We live and learn, if we read the newspaper.

Today's high cost of coinage, the Mint

tells us, is still less than last year when it cost 1.67 cents to make a penny and almost a dime to make a nickel.

Changing the metal content of these two coins to include more steel would save taxpayers about \$100 million a year, according to published estimates.

Dimes and quarters both cost less to produce than their face values, so both appear safe so far. The Mint reports the dime costs a little over four cents to make, and the quarter costs less than ten cents.

The dollar coin — which somehow never seems to find favor with the American public — is a real bargain at about 16 cents to produce.

I remember during World War II, the familiar brown penny disappeared, replaced with a new dull white wartime penny to divert special metals to the war effort.

According to an Associated Press story on the cost of coins, the World War II substitute penny was steel, but my memory is of a lead penny, which when

dropped on a hard surface would fall with a dull thud.

After World War II, the familiar Abe Lincoln brown penny returned.

* * *

I SEE BY THE PAPER the recent Indiana presidential primary had a few glitches because of voter ID requirements.

According to an Associated Press report, some students from colleges throughout the state were denied ballots because they couldn't produce proper state or federal photo identification.

The AP also told of trouble for a woman with a college-issued ID and an out-of-state driving license, and a newly-married woman whose driving license name did not match the name on her voter registration card. Both were rejected.

What caught my eye especially, however, was the plight of about a dozen nuns, denied ballots by a poll worker fellow nun from the same convent because they couldn't produce proper identifica-

tion.

The nuns were all in their 80s or 90s and personally known to the poll worker, but that wasn't good enough. They didn't have photo ID cards. None drives. One had an outdated passport.

"Some of these ladies don't walk well. They're in wheelchairs or on walkers or electric carts," said their poll-working colleague, who promised the convent would make a "very concerted effort" to get things in order so the nuns can vote in November.

The law is the law, of course, and elections should be squeaky clean. Application of the law also should be reasonable. Was it reasonable in the Indiana primary?

* * *

I SEE BY THE PAPERS that Morehouse College — described in a *Detroit News* article as "the country's only institution of higher learning dedicated to the education of black men" — this year has its first white valedictorian. Joshua Packwood, 24, a Rhodes

Scholar finalist from Kansas City, compiled a perfect 4.0 grade point and has earned a degree in economics from Morehouse.

New President Robert Franklin cited Mr. Packwood when he took the reins at 141-year-old Morehouse College in February.

"Josh Packwood is Morehouse," Mr. Franklin said then. "He happens to be Euro-American and brings much appreciated diversity to our campus."

I've never seen the term Euro-American until now, but if Afro-American is an apt term, then so is Euro-American, I suppose.

In any event, congratulations to Joshua Packwood for breaking yet another color barrier as the Euro-American valedictorian at a traditional Afro-American college.

#

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

I respect all who serve their country

To the editor:

As we approach Memorial Day, I feel it is important to put a different spin on an all too often expression heard in this extended political debate.

In the discussion about whether to stay in or get out of Iraq, one reason used to entice the decision to stay on is if we don't stay, and Iraq regresses into civil anarchy, then all of our military members who died "to defend American interests" died in vain.

I believe most enlisted did so to defend and serve their country. I dare to tell you that those who died serve no more than those who live on to serve. If they died while serving, I regret

the loss of their presence and continued service to their comrades and families. Their mission to serve has ended, but "not in vain." The politic mission selected for them does not define the value of their accomplishment to serve.

My neighbor's son died while serving his country, mission ended. Her daughter still serving drives a tank, mission on-going. Many others, including mechanics, pilots, engineers, doctors, nurses, radar operators, sailors, policemen, firemen, etc., are still in their mission. I respect all who serve their country.

Pat Fowler
Grayling

Shoppenagon's could have ambiance again

To the editor:

Attention Grayling investors. Take a drive to Boyne City and look at the Wolverine Dillworth Inn. The Shoppenagon's Inn used to have that elegance and ambiance. It could and should have it again. It would be a grand spot for dinners, recep-

tions and celebrations. If the theme park comes to pass, you would have a place closer than Gaylord or Houghton Lake for the tourists to spend their time and money.

Kenn Hildebrand
Newaygo

Can't they leave his car alone?

To the editor:

Our son is in Iraq, fighting for his country. We are taking care of his car. The city police came along and said it had to be moved or hauled away because it didn't have a tag.

We think this is pretty unfair, he is fighting for them and our country and they can't leave his car alone.

Tom Stampfly
Grayling

It was not our intention to disrespect sites at cemetery

To the editor:

I am the new sexton for Elmwood Cemetery in the City of Grayling. I am writing in response to the letters recently published in the Crawford County Avalanche, in regards to the unfortunate incident that took place this spring at the cemetery. I would like to apologize for the disruption the clean sweep of the cemetery has caused our visitors and citizens of Grayling. I understand that the resting place of our loved ones is a very special place to everyone visiting, including myself, as I too, have a loved one in Elmwood Cemetery. I can assure everyone it was not our intention to disrespect the friends and families with loved ones at rest in Elmwood Cemetery.

There was a misinterpretation of the instructions for clean up at the cemetery. Items that were not intended to be removed unfortunately were, along with the items that were intended to be disposed of. Steps have been taken to ensure that it will not be repeated in the future.

Next spring, the clean up process will be executed in a manner that reflects our desire to accommodate those who choose to leave graveside adornments over the winter months. The clean up process will include a notice in the Crawford County Avalanche, of

a quiet time prior to our spring clean up to allow family members to remove grave adornments left through the winter months. The announcement will also be placed in PEG channel 2, as well as postings in the new public display cases that will be at the main entrance to the cemetery and mausoleum building.

It is our goal to make Elmwood Cemetery a place where families of the deceased and those in the community can come to visit in peace and tranquility. It is important to me, and the City of Grayling, that our cemetery represents the community in a way that citizens can be proud of. The appearance of the cemetery is an intricate part of this equation. A majority of the work involved in keeping the cemetery's appearance to these standards is the responsibility of the Department of Public Works (DPW) and without their outstanding efforts this would be virtually impossible. I stand by their integrity and reliability for their continued hard work in what has been an extraordinarily busy spring at the cemetery.

I appreciate the community's concerns and input in regards to the cemetery and the ongoing improvements we are making on a daily basis.

Benedict E. Chouinard
Elmwood Cemetery Sexton

You can't take these brave folks for granted

To the editor:

It was with great interest that we watched and waited while the Four Mile fire burned. Our thoughts and prayers were with those who were directly effected by this fire. We live in Lovells, not near where the fire was, but given a different wind direction that day, it could have been us who were forced to run away from the security of our homes while firefighters ran into the fire.

We were quite impressed with the way the fire department, the police, the DNR, the neighboring communities and many others quickly mobilized to do their best to protect our town, our

homes, our lives and the lives of others not physically able to help themselves. Sadly, many don't appreciate what our emergency response teams do until something like this happens. You can't take these brave folks for granted when you live in northern Michigan. I for one, will remember this when these people need my vote for a millage renewal, or ask for meager pay raises. I hope you will too. Many of our small town firefighters are volunteers and don't earn much, if anything, when they risk their lives to protect yours.

Heather and Dave Lovell
Grayling

It felt like vandalism

To the editor:

It has been three weeks now since my trip to the cemetery to visit my daughter's grave. Imagine my surprise, then anger, when finding out that the spring flowers that I had put down on April 15 were gone.

When I asked the city workers what would have happened to them, they told me they had been instructed to remove all flowers from the graves. I was mad. After 22 years of tending to the family grave, all the cleaning, raking, planting and visiting, someone removed the flowers from the planters. They were new spring flowers and had just been put down on April 15.

There was no communication or notice to those of us with family members in the cemetery that regardless what was on your loved one's grave that it would be taken.

It felt like vandalism. Shame on the cemetery workers and their supervisors for the heartache and mistrust they have caused many in this community.

I will wonder the next time that I put flowers down, how long it will be before they come up missing. It is a shame there will not be flowers on her grave for Mother's Day.

Sue Lucksted
Grayling

CRAWFORD COUNTY

AVALANCHE

P.O. Box 400, Grayling, MI 49738 • 909-344-6011 • FAX 909-344-6886

Marcus Marelich Composition	Linda Golinick General Manager	Debbie St. Germain Advertising Sales
Amber Edgerton Composition	Caleb Casey Senior Staff Writer	Pam Engel Advertising Sales
Julie Doremire Composition	Dan Sanderson Staff Writer	Ruth Biggar Business Office
Keith Sowulewski Composition		Kim Cothran Business Office

Published by Crawford County Avalanche, Inc., Ann Marie Milliman, president.
Member of the Michigan Press Association and the National Newspaper Association.
All rights reserved. Copyright The Crawford County Avalanche. This content may not be archived, retransmitted, saved in a database, or used for any commercial purpose without the express written permission of The Crawford County Avalanche.

USPS 136-860 Entered as Periodicals at the Post Office at Grayling, MI 49738 under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1919. Published each Tuesday at 102 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738. For changing address, send US Post Office Form 3579 to the Crawford County Avalanche, P.O. Box 400, Grayling, MI 49738.

Subscription Rates: One year permanent subscription in Crawford, Roscommon, Kalkaska, Otsego, and Oscoda counties, \$20.00; Seasonal address changes add \$4.00. One year non-local, outside above counties, \$30.00; Foreign Countries, \$60.00. Senior Citizen discount (60 or older) \$2.00 off any of the above rates. Subscriptions rates are non-refundable.

Check us out on the Internet at www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com

Online Poll Results

Last week's online poll question and results:

Which recent feat by a Detroit sports franchise is most impressive?

Red Wings sweeping the Colorado Avalanche in round 2 of the NHL playoffs. 33 votes 66%	Pistons winning three straight games vs. the 76ers to win 1st round playoff series 4-2. 1 vote 2%	Tigers overcoming a poor start to pull within a couple games of .500. 16 votes 32%
--	---	--

This week's online poll question: **What effect will the City of Grayling's \$1.3 million streetscape project have on downtown business this summer?**

To vote in our online polls, visit our Internet site:
www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of The Crawford County Avalanche.

What Do You Think?

The Crawford County Avalanche welcomes its readers to comment on news, features, and opinion articles — including letters to the editor and Richard Milliman's weekly Almanack column — on our Internet site at www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com.

To express an opinion on a news, feature, or op-ed article, click on a story and scroll down to the "What do you think?" header (it's highlighted with a red color bar). Fill in your name and type your comments in the area provided, and click the "Post Comment" icon when finished. Existing comments are listed between the "What do you think?" header and the area to post new comments. Readers are also welcome to respond to comments posted by other readers.

All comments are subject to approval by Crawford County Avalanche management prior to publication on our Internet site. Comments are limited to 200 words.

<http://www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com>

BRIEFS

MARSP to hold first meeting

The first meeting of the season for the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel will be Monday, May 19, at the Houghton Lake United Methodist Church, with registration at 8:30 a.m. There will be a short meeting and the election of officers followed by representatives from Northwestern Bank speaking on "Reverse Mortgage and Home Equity Loans." Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m. Paid reservations of \$9, which includes tax, are due by May 15 to Janet Porath, P.O. Box 489, Houghton Lake, MI 48629. For information, call 989-302-0482.

Ride of Silence to be held

A Ride of Silence will be held on May 21, starting at the Grayling City building, 1020 City Blvd., going to Hartwick Pines State Park and back. This ride will promote awareness and honor cyclists who have been injured or killed while cycling. Registration will begin at 6:15 p.m. and the ride will begin at 7 p.m. Helmets are required.

Kirtland to hold Warbler Festival

Kirtland's Warbler Festival will be held at Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, on Saturday, May 17. Purchase of \$5 button is required for admittance for persons ages 15 and up. Events include nature presentations, live animals, kids fishing pond, food, live music and much more. Complete details online at warbler.kirtland.edu.

Church to hold bake sale

St. Mary's Ladies Club will hold a spring bake sale on Saturday, May 17, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the family center.

GHS class of '98 to hold reunion

GHS class of 1998 will hold its 10th reunion at the Grayling Country Club, on Aug. 9. For more information, contact Kristie at 906-280-8815 or Jamie at 989-710-0030.

Viking band to hold car wash

The Grayling Viking Bands will host their bi-annual Band Day fund-raiser, on Saturday, May 17. A car wash will be held at Glen's Market parking lot and at Diane's Car Wash from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. There will also be cotton candy, a hot dog and baked goods sale and a community can collection at both locations. Funds will be used toward summer band camp at Lake Superior State University.

TEFAP food distribution to be held

TEFAP food distribution will be held on May 19, at St. Francis Church, from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Straits Area Ostomy Assoc. to meet

The Straits Area Ostomy Association will hold its regular meeting on Sunday, May 18, at 2 p.m., in the private dining room at Mercy Hospital, Grayling. All ostomates and interested persons are invited. Call Jack Bouck, at 989-821-5721, for more information.

Child care session to be held

A child care session will be held on May 21, at the Otsego County Library, from 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. This is for any one interested in becoming a licensed or registered child care provider. If interested, contact Nancie Kersey at 989-344-3080 or 989-731-3140 before May 16.

GHS to host Senior Honors Night

Grayling High School will host its annual Senior Honors Night on Thursday, May 15, at 7 p.m., in the Joseph Stripe auditorium. The achievements of the members of the 2008 graduating class will be recognized through local and college scholarships, citizenship awards and academic awards. The public is welcomed.

Monday ladies golf league to begin

The Monday evening golf league, Chicks with Sticks, will begin on May 19. Play starts at 5:30 p.m. at the Grayling Country Club. Come early for sign-up.

Republican Party to meet

The Republican Party of Crawford County will hold their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 21, at 7 p.m., at the Crawford County Courthouse in Grayling.

Church to hold Rhubarb Social

Bear Lake Christian Church will be holding its 9th Annual Rhubarb Social on Sunday, May 25, from 12 p.m. until 3 p.m. The church is located between Grayling and Kalkaska on W. M-72. Entertainment will feature bluegrass music by the Cats and the Fiddler. All kinds of rhubarb pies will be for sale. There will be rhubarb desserts, hot dogs, chips, drinks and a dunk tank. Everyone is welcome.

VanderKlok guest speaker at church

Resurrection Life Center, 2640 W. M-72, Grayling, will have special guest Rev. Duane VanderKlok on Wednesday, May 21, at 7 p.m.

VanderKlok is the senior pastor of Resurrection Life Church in Grandville, a thriving congregation several thousand strong which provides many vital ongoing charitable outreach programs to the greater Grand Rapids area, as well as educational, training and support programs within the church itself.

He and his wife, Jeannie, are hosts of the popular weekly television program, "Walking by Faith" (seen locally on Fox 33-TV), offering practical, down-to-earth teaching from God's word to equip and empower people to deal with real life issues faced every day. VanderKlok is a noted author and speaker who uses humor and his gift of storytelling to communicate the truths of God's word simply and understandably.

Handicap accessible bus transportation is available by calling the church in advance at 348-1000.

The public is welcome.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club May 11 of \$25 each; Jim Brown and Bob Johnstone.

High tea raises funds and awareness for River House



River House, Inc. held its annual fund-raiser "High Tea" and silent auction on May 8, at St. Mary's Social Hall in Grayling. Judge Kathryn Root spoke to the crowd about domestic violence. Pictured above is Kelly Yousofian, of Grayling, playing her harp for tea guests. River House provides services for survivors of domestic violence, sexual violence and homelessness in Crawford, Oscoda, Ogemaw and Roscommon Counties.

Special concert to cap off Kirtland's Warbler Festival

The Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts is helping provide what is sure to be an entertaining finale to the 15th annual Kirtland's Warbler Festival on Saturday, May 17, by hosting a special concert.

The Great Lakes Myth Society will perform for one show only at 7 p.m. on May 17 at the KCPA, located on Kirtland Community College's main campus near Roscommon. Tickets are \$10, or just \$5 for those already having purchased a Kirtland's Warbler Festival button, and may be purchased at the door or by calling the KCPA Ticket Office at 989-275-6777.

The Great Lakes Myth Society was originally known as the "Original Brothers and Sisters of Love," and that group yielded two critically-lauded albums (The Legend of Jeb Minor in 1999 and H.O.M.E.S. in 2001) for the Brooklyn, N.Y., indie label, The Telegraph Company. The group reincarnated itself in 2002, with Timothy Monger (accordion, guitar and vocals), James Monger (guitar and vocals), Gregory McIntosh (guitar and vocals), Scott McClintock (bass and vocals) and Fido Kennington (drums and vocals) adorning themselves in the most affordable black suits available, changing their name to reflect the region from which they drew their power and beginning to shop for what would eventually become their formidable debut. It wasn't long before the newly minted Great Lakes Myth Society began sharing stages both locally and regionally with artists.

Great Lakes Myth Society eventually broke through into the often impenetrable Detroit music scene with key shows at the Magic Stick, Lager House, Comerica TasteFest and finally a headlining slot at the 1st annual Motor City Music Conference.

Their debut, an alternately brooding and nostalgic blend of muscular English folk-rock, pine-kissed Northern Americana and Midwest Carry grit, was released in April 2005 on the Boston-based label Stop, Pop & Roll. Within weeks, it had broken into the CMJ Top 200 and the band hit the road, bringing their live show to New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin

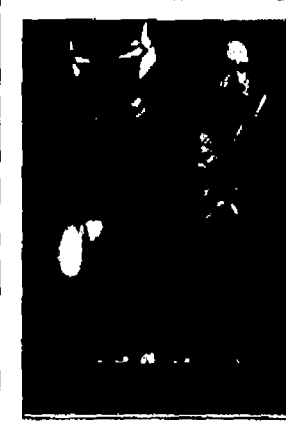
and Michigan's Upper Peninsula, even putting in an appearance on NPR's "All Things Considered."

Child care services are \$5 for one child or \$15 per family and will be available during the performance at the Children's Learning Center located on the campus. Parents are encouraged to call 989-275-5000, extension 232, in advance. Free shuttle service is also provided from the parking lot to the main lobby doors.

For complete details on the Kirtland's Warbler Festival, visit online at warbler.kirtland.edu or call 989-275-5000, extension 242 or 266.

RIALTO THEATRE

Member of the National League Of Historical Theatres



IRON MAN

Rated PG-13

OPEN NIGHTLY

7:30 PM

CLOSED MONDAY

JIM'S FARM MARKET

6289 M-72 West, Grayling

1 mile West of town

(989) 348-2527

Mon.-Sat. 9 am - 6 pm, Sun. 10 am - 5 pm

Hanging Baskets & Combo Pots \$16.99
Strawberry Pots & Pouches \$14.00
Annual Flowers & Vegetable Flats (Large Selection) \$11.99
Holly Hocks, Canna Lilies, Spikes, Vines, Pot Fillers, Geraniums, Butterfly Bush, Large selection of Proven Winners
Perennials 4 1/2" & 1 gal. size
Asparagus Roots & Potato Seed & Onion Plants & Sets
Peat Moss, Top Soil & Manure 2/\$3.00 40# bag
Potting Soil \$1.99 40# bag
Tomato Cages \$1.49
Tomato Hot Caps 25¢ each
We Will Fill Your Containers

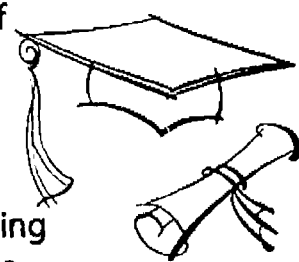
We put the "Pro" in Produce

We accept: Visa, MasterCard, Discover & Bridge Cards

Congratulations Graduates!!!

Northland has put a graduation package together to help you achieve your future ambitions.

- \$500 Visa Card*
- Checking Account-With 1 box of free checks
- Savings Account
- Debit Card
- Home Banking
- CORA-Automated phone banking
- \$25.00 for bringing your vehicle loan to Northland



Northland
Area Federal Credit Union

1-800-336-2328

www.northlandcu.com

NCUA

*Proof of college enrollment or enrollment in a skilled trade or trades school or proof of employment required for VISA card. \$25.00 Share Account required. Northland is an equal opportunity lender

from a simple start to a fabulous finish!

visit acehardware.com for painting tips & tools



You Pay \$19.99

\$14.99 Gal.

After \$5 Mail-In Rebate*

Royal Touche

Interior Flat Latex Paint
1964824

Finish	You Pay	Less Rebate	Final Cost
Eggshell 1969146	\$22.99	\$5	\$17.99
Satin 1964667	\$23.99	\$5	\$18.99
Semi-Gloss 1965425	\$24.99	\$5	\$19.99

You Pay \$21.99

\$16.99 Gal.

After \$5 Mail-In Rebate*

Royal Shield

Exterior Flat Latex Paint
1961648



Finish	You Pay	Less Rebate	Final Cost
Satin 1963982	\$23.99	\$5	\$18.99
Semi-Gloss 1963685	\$24.99	\$5	\$19.99

*Maximum rebate \$50 (10 Gallons). Rebate offer applies for gallon purchase of Ace Royal Paint only. See Store for mail-in rebate form.

McLean's Hardware

209 S. James Street • Grayling • 348-2931

Mon. - Sat. 7:30 am to 5:30 pm

Sun. 9 am to 2 pm

May Pay

\$\$\$

Ace

ACE
The helpful place.

The Bible Speaks

No Legalism

Justification by faith in Jesus Christ removes us from condemnation and legalism under law. "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." (Rom. 8:1). We are saved by grace, not law, therefore law cannot condemn us under grace. We are not led by the law but by the Holy Spirit of life in Christ Jesus. "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." (Rom. 8:2). This does not mean we are now free to lie, steal, kill, commit adultery, and covet because we are free from the law. It does mean we are enabled to avoid these sins because we are united to Jesus Christ who died to free us from these sins and who guides us by His Spirit to do right. Christians live right because we love God and our neighbor.

What is "...the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus?" This law is the law or principle of Grace through Faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ. "27Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay; but by the law of faith." (Rom. 3:27). We are not saved by the works of the

law, but by the law of faith. "14For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace." (Rom. 6:14). "17Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." (2 Cor. 3:17). The Spirit of the Lord leads us in liberty, not through law.

Does this leadership of the Holy Spirit above refer only to those who have received a special work of Grace or only to a special group of spiritual, mature Christians? The Bible says all Christians have the Holy Spirit. One is not a Christian until one is born-again of the Spirit. As Jesus said in John 3:6,7: "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." All Christians are baptized by the Holy Spirit into the body of Christ. "13For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit." (1 Cor. 12:13). The Holy Spirit indwells the body of every Christian according to 1 Cor 6:19: "19What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are

not your own?" In fact, Romans 8:9 reminds us if one has not the Spirit of Christ he is not a Christian: "9But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."

What does God mean we are made free from the law of sin and death? We were told in Romans 7:4 we are "dead to the law by the body of Christ." We were told in Romans 7:6: "But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter." As Paul said in Galatians 2:19: "19For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God." The law brought us guilt and condemnation, but Jesus Christ fulfilled the law by dying for our sins and fulfilling the demands of the law upon us. "2For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." We are free indeed! (John 8:36). Pastor "B"

The Bible Speaks is a paid advertisement and does not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of the Crawford County Avalanche.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, May 16 - Lunch-pork fritter with sweet and sour sauce, rice, peas, cauliflower and a banana. No Dinner. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes, 12 p.m. Lovells Satellite meal, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo.

Monday, May 19 - Lunch - hamburger on a bun, lettuce and tomato, O'Brien potatoes and applesauce. Dinner - chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, fried cabbage with bacon and peaches. 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Back on Duty, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. TEFAP at St. Francis Church, 1 p.m. Bridge.

Tuesday, May 20 - Lunch - lasagna, Brussels sprouts, winter blend vegetables, a breadstick and oranges and grapefruit. Dinner - baked potato with chili, broccoli with cheese sauce and mixed fruit. 10 a.m.

Tone and Tubes and Bible Study, 1 p.m. Euchre and Sit and Be Fit, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks, 5:30 p.m. game night.

Wednesday, May 21 - Lunch -

creamy chicken and noodles, carrots, green beans and pears. Dinner - pork chop, sweet potatoes, peas, applesauce and apple cake. 1 p.m. pool league, 2 p.m. Property Tax Credit Session and caregiver class, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Wendy's Fund-Raiser Night, 5:30 p.m. Price is Right game show.

Thursday, May 22 - Lunch - pork riblet on a bun, baked beans, cauliflower and pineapple. Dinner - liver and onions, fried cabbage with bacon, California blend vegetables and grapes. 10 a.m. craft class, 1 p.m. COA Board meeting, 2 p.m. UNO Attack.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

AREA EVENTS

Traverse City - Old Mission winemakers invite the public to Blossom Days, and to their tasting rooms, May 17-18 from noon - 5 p.m. Enjoy a sample of unreleased, barrel and/or reserve wines in addition to regular tasting lists.

A nondenominational Blessing Liturgy will be presided by Fr. Thome at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 18, at Chateau Chantal. This culminating event will feature live music from The Shoreliners Quartet, a complimentary continental brunch and wine tasting, and Sara Lee cherry pies baked with local fruit.

Tickets are \$15 per person and are available on the day of the event at the any of the five participating wineries. The ticket price includes a souvenir glass and a tasting at all five Old Mission Wineries. For more information, contact 231-223-4110.

Gaylord - The Gaylord Chamber Orchestra will present Vivaldifest, the fourth and final event of this musical season.

Vivaldifest will be a classical music festival consisting of several concerts.

A brunch and lecture will be held with conductor Tim Hendrickson at the historical Sugar Bowl restaurant, Saturday, May 17, from 10:30 until noon. Hendrickson will speak on the Vivaldi "Gloria", which will be performed at the concert that evening. There will be a demonstration on violin techniques of

the Baroque period in which attendees will learn the different sound of the Baroque period and the modern day violin.

The Gaylord Chamber Orchestra and the Vivaldi Chorus will hold a concert on Saturday, May 17, at 7 p.m., at Peace Lutheran Church. Music will include "Spring" from "The Four Seasons" and will feature a violin solo by Joanna Bozin. Further selections will include Vivaldi's "Lute Concerto in D Major" performed by classical guitarist Bob Proctor and ending with the chorus singing the Vivaldi "Gloria". Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

The weekend will end with the Gaylord Youth Orchestra performing German classical music pieces and the St. Mary Scholars boys choir from St. Mary School performing a variety of folk, religious, classical and popular songs. This will be on Sunday, May 18, at 5 p.m., at Peace Lutheran Church. Tickets are \$5 for adults and free for children.

All tickets are available at Saturn Booksellers in downtown Gaylord. A combined ticket price of \$25 is available and includes the lecture with brunch, the Saturday concert and the Sunday concert. Tickets for both concerts will be available at the door. The combined ticket, and/or ticket for only the lecture with brunch, must be purchased by Wednesday, May 14. For more information, contact Denise at 989-731-3307.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled for the period of May 15 - 21 is as follows:

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during May 15 - 16 and May 19 - 21.

Small arms ranges, located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek, May 15 - 21.

ARF Range, located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe

Rd., east of the gas pipeline and north of Portage Creek, May 15 - 20.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371. For further information, call 1-989-344-6320.

OBITUARIES

Irma L. Robinson

April 22, 1918 - March 30, 2008
Irma L. Robinson passed away on March 30, 2008, in Round Rock, Texas.

She was born in Grand Rapids, on April 22, 1918, to John and Ella Trendt.

She resided in Bear Lake Township, Kalkaska, for 30 years.

She worked as the county treasurer and the township supervisor.

She and her husband Edgar (Red) Robinson, were instrumental in getting the Bear Lake Township community center built.

She is survived by her children, Bob (Bobbie) Robinson of Orange Springs, Fla., and Arvella Ackley of Round Rock, Texas; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband in August of 1967; parents; siblings; and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements made by Cook Walden Capital Parks, Round Rock, Texas.

James L. Raymond

June 19, 1931 - May 8, 2008

James L. Raymond, 76, of South Branch Township, passed away on May 8, 2008.

Arrangements made by Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.

Bettie L. Boger

Jan. 24, 1930 - May 4, 2008

Bettie Lou Boger, of Cadillac, passed away on May 4, 2008. Online condolences may be made at hitesman-holdship.com.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 77 complaints the week of May 5 - May 11:

Seventeen general non-criminal complaints, one delinquent minor, one runaway, two assault/intimidation/stalkings, one assault and battery/simple assault, three larcenies, one fraudulent activity, two damage to properties, eight public peace/disorderlies, one hit and run motor vehicle accident, nine health and safeties, one election laws complaint, two miscellaneous criminal offenses, one miscellaneous arrest, nine traffic accidents, one accident-non-traffic, one accident-all other, three family troubles-domestic, 10 suspicious situations, two driving violations/driving while license suspended, one failed to stop leaving private drive and one failure to file property liability and property damage insurance.

Sheriff Wakefield asks: "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

For more information, log on to www.crawfordsheriff.org.

BIRTHS

Danielle Mace and Wesley Lane, of Grayling, announce the birth of a daughter, Angel Logan, born at Mercy Hospital on April 23, 2008, at 10:20 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., 11 ozs., and measuring 20 inches in length.

Amanda and Craig Cobb, of Grayling, announce the birth of their son, Broden Wayne, born at Mercy Hospital on May 4, 2008, at 7:04 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., 5 ozs., and measuring 20 1/2 inches in length.

Kimberly Babbitt and Keith Moore, of Grayling, announce the birth of a son, Aric Ryan, born at Mercy Hospital on May 4, 2008, at 4:47 a.m., weighing 7 lbs., 14 ozs., and measuring 21 inches in length.

Church Directory

sponsored by the following community minded individuals and businesses

GRAYLING GLASS COMPANY
Ken & Carol Taskay
503 McClellan • Grayling
348-6641

GRAYLING BIG BOY RESTAURANT
Stop in after church for brunch
348-7654

DON KERNSTOCK LICENSED BUILDER
New Home Construction
Remodeling • Garages
348-8945 • Grayling

JANSEN INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.
Complete Insurance Service
348-6711
2370 S. I-75 BL • Grayling

DOORWAYS OF THE NORTH INC.
Garage Doors-Windows
Since 1980
348-5426

MOORE'S AUTOMOTIVE
348-6371
201 James • Grayling

COMFORT CENTER
"We Furnish the Comfort...
The Rest is Up to You!"
The Miracle Mile Grayling • 348-2961

STEPHAN WOOD PRODUCTS
605 Huron • Grayling

MCDONALD'S RESTAURANT
"McDonald's and You"
Breakfast served until 11 a.m. on Sundays
I-75 Bus. Loop Grayling,
Ph. 348-2269

Christian Science Society
209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord
(989) 732-7001
Sunday Service...10:30 am
April through October
2nd & 4th Wednesday...7 pm
Sunday School...10:30 am

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church
Pastor: Dr. William A. Cargle
400 Michigan Ave. • 348-2974
Website: www.umc-nm.org
Barrier Free
Traditional Service...9:00 am
Coffee Hour...10:00 am
Sunday School (preschool - 3rd grade) 10:00 am
Adult Sunday School...10:00 am
Praise and Worship Service...11 am
(Childcare Available)

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor David Jorgensen
Phone 989-348-1909
Services held Saturday at
Camp A/Sable off M-72 East
(1st building on right inside camp entrance)
Saturday Church Service...9:30 am
Saturday Sabbath School...10:30 am
Tuesday Prayer Meeting...7 pm

Lovells Community Chapel
(Bible based & non-denominational)
Pastor Larry Hankins
8133 Bald Hill Rd. • Lovells
989-348-2701
Sunday School (youth & adult)...10 am
Morning Worship...11 am
Wed Prayer & Bible Study...7-8 pm

Free Methodist
Rick Seward Pastor
6652 (M-72 W) • 348-9093
Early Service...8:30 am
Sunday School...10 am
Morning Service...11 am
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday)...7 pm

Emma Lowery United Church of Christ
2474 West Park Road, Luzerne
Sunday Worship...11 am
Adult and Youth Sunday School...9:30 am

Heritage Baptist
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
heritagebaptist-grayling.org
1641 Hartwick Pines Rd. (1/4 mile west of I-75)
Sunday School...9:45 am
Morning Worship...11 am
Evening Worship...6 pm
Wednesday...7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God
Pastor Gary Weiden
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Parsonage 348-7466
Sunday School...9:30 am
Morning Worship...10:30 am
Evening Service...6 pm
Family Night Adult-Youth-Children (Wed) 7 pm

The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message
7662 Kelly Ave., Frederic
Sunday Worship...10 am

Westminster-By-The-Lake
(East of Ralph MacMullen Conference Center)
Worship with us in a beautiful outdoor chapel
(989) 821-9474
Sunday Worship...11:00 am



First Baptist Church of Frederic
Pastor Dale Hammond
Sunday School...9:45 am
Morning Worship...11 am
Evening Worship...6 pm
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study...7 pm

Unity Church of Today North
Terry Dickinson, Minister
Virtual Church--an Email Bible Study available at timrd@freeway.net

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President David Stephenson
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord
Sacrament...10 am
Sunday School...11 am
Primary...11 am
Preschool...12 noon
Relief Society...12 noon

Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling
Sunday School...10 am
Sunday Service, Children's Church and Youth Service...11 am
Sunday Evening Service...6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting...7 pm
Wednesday Service...7 pm
Friday Prayer Meeting (van transportation available)

St. John Lutheran (ELCA)
710 Spruce Street
348-5224
Sunday School...9:15 am
Sunday Worship...10:30 am

Community of Christ
Pastor Ann Dwy
North Down River Rd. at 1030 Glen Rd. • 348-9751
Church School...9:45 am
Prayer...11 am
Midweek Service Prayer...7 pm

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community
Robert W. Nealey, J.V. Pastor
Parish Office • 707 Service • 348-7657
Saturday Evening Masses...4:30 pm
Sunday Masses...8:30 am
St. Francis Episcopal
Reverend Elizabeth Chance
M-72 West • Office 348-5850
Morning Prayer Tues-Fri...8:30 am
Eucharist (Wed)...8:30 am
Sunday Holy Eucharist...8:30 & 10:30 am

Resurrection Life Center
Pastor Bob & Debbie Mason
Sunday Service...10:30 am
Mid Week Services (Wed)...7:00 p.m.
Mail: 2640 M-72 West Grayling, MI 49734
Phone: 989-348-1000
E-mail: resurrectionlife@hotmail.com
Mt. Hope Lutheran Church (LCMS)
(989) 348-5921

905 N. I-75 Bus. Loop
at the junction of M-93 & Old 27
Saturday Evening Worship Service...7 pm
Sunday Morning Service...9:30 am
Sunday School...9:15 am

Calvary Baptist Church
Dr. Robert Bennett, Pastor
M-72 West
Sunday School...9:45 am
Morning Worship...10:30 am
Evening Worship...6 pm
Wednesday...7 pm
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.)...7 pm

Church of Christ
Old US-27 at Skyline Rd. • 275-8613
In Search of the Lord's Way
Sunday Mornings on TV 29 & 8
Sunday Classes...10 am
Sunday Worship...11 am
Sunday Evening...6 pm
1st Sunday Evening of every month there is no service.
Mid-Week Bible Study (Wed)...7 pm

Abundant Life Tabernacle
Pastor Lyle Steider
211 Shellenbarger St. • 348-5325
Sunday School...10 am
Sunday Worship...11 am & 6:30 pm
Wednesday Evening...7 pm

Grayling Baptist Church
Affiliated with S.B.C.
Pastor John Scott
705 Madison St. • Grayling • 348-2557
Sunday School...9:45 am
Morning Worship...11 am
Evening Service...6 pm
Wednesday Service...7 pm

Bear Lake Christian
Pastor David Rosenberg
Associate Pastor Scott Haller
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.
Sunday Church Service...10 am - 6:30 pm
Sunday School...9 am
Bible Study (Wed.)...7 pm
Youth Group 2nd & 4th Wed...6:30 pm

Lutheran Baptist
Pastor James Durfee
2247 Durfee Lane
Sunday School...10 am
Sunday Morning Worship...11 am
Sunday Evening Worship...6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study...7 pm

Church Alive Church of God
Pastor David Barker
506 North Birch St., Kalkaska
(231) 259-3448
Sunday School...10 am
Sunday Service...11 am & 6 pm
Family Training Hour and Prayer (Wednesday)...7 pm

St. Martin's E. Lutheran (WELS)
Douglas Carter - Pastor
For information call 989-821-5013
The Reformation Community Center
310 South St., Roscommon, MI
New phone number 275-3070

Friendship Church
A Christian Reformed Ministry
Rev. Dick Oberg, Pastor
415 Ohio North, Gaylord
Sunday School...9 am
Morning Worship...10 am
Two Women's Bible Study...10 am
Wed. Men's Bible Study...12 noon

Grayling Valley Tabernacle
Church of God
Pastor Gary Thompson
989-348-2079
Sunday Night Fellowship Time...5-6 pm
Sunday Service...6 pm

Gerta's Draperies
"Everything in Window Treatments"
FREE IN-HOME ESTIMATES APPOINTMENTS
989-732-3340
Excellent Customer Service Since 1958
2281 OLD-27 SOUTH • GAYLORD

Bingo
Sunday - 1:00 pm
Grayling Eagles Auxiliary #3465

This Church Directory is used by residents and visitors. If you wish to show your support for area churches, call the Avalanche at 348-6811 to be included in this year's directory.

Motocross racer competes at Ford Field

Continued from Page 1A
up there, and it definitely was the event of a lifetime," Chris said.

Sam received a new riding uniform, a helmet, a gear bag, motorcycle tires and a U.S. Savings bond as part of being included in the event. The youngsters even were asked to sit at a table and autograph posters, just like the motocross stars who were in the Motor City for the race.

Sam, who has been racing for three years, said he thought it was cool to race on the track, since the jumps were larger and the course was more challenging than the traditional race courses he competes on.

"There were big, big jumps and they were straight up and down," Sam said.

Motocross racing continues to be a family affair for the Davis family. Chris Davis recently started a job as the bookkeeper for the Crawford County Commission on Aging. Sam's father, Tom Davis, is a heavy-equipment operator.

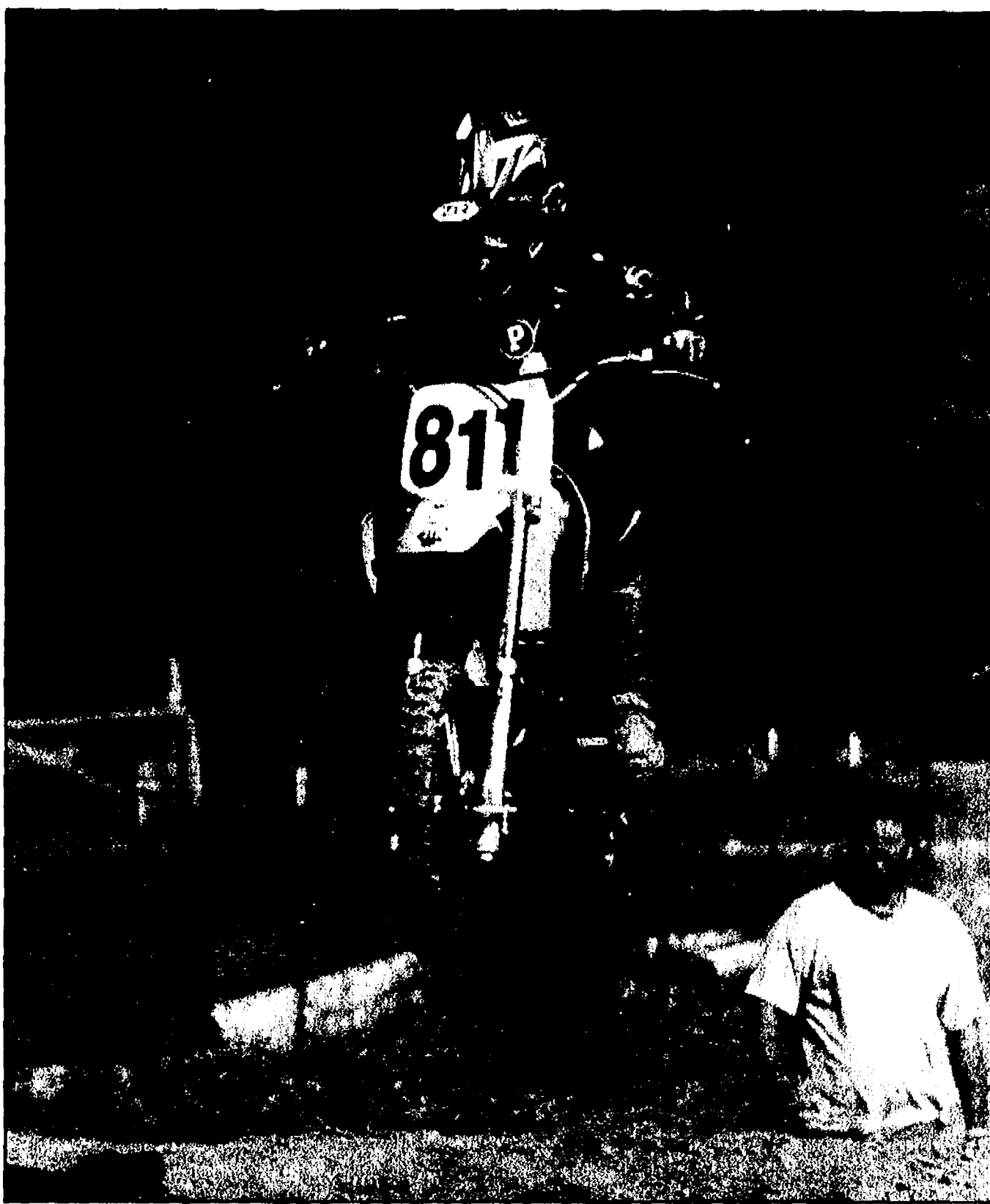
Sam has graduated from racing on junior tracks to racing on the main tracks at the race courses on his 50 cc PRC motorcycle and 65 cc Kawasaki.

This season, the family plans to travel to at least two races a month to take part in the American Motorcycle Association's District 14 competition.

Sam's brother, Jacob Chipman, age 14 and a Grayling Middle School eighth grader, no longer races, but trail rides with his brother on the motorcycles. Jacob volunteers to be a flagman on the sidelines of the races, warning riders to stop racing and jumping when there is a caution on the track.

"He gets a bird's eye view of the race, because he's right there on the sidelines," Chris said.

During spring break week, the Davis family traveled to the



Sam Davis goes over a jump at an American Motorcycle Association District 14 Track as his father Tom Davis looks on.

Daniel Boon Race Track in London, Kentucky, so that Sam could knock off the rust and prepare for the upcoming season.

"Other than some adults, they pretty much had the track to themselves," Chris said.

Sam, who is also an avid soccer player, had to give up the sport to dedicate his time and efforts to his motocross racing.

"It's hard because he loves

sports and he had to make a choice," Chris said.

Sam is following in the footsteps of his father, and his uncle Kris Davis, who both rode and raced motorcycles as youngsters.

Tom Davis said he is a proud father and admires Sam's dedication to the sport.

"It's a lot of hard work for kids to do this sport, but he still enjoys it," Tom said. "Part of it is going

through the steps and to start young and work your way up through the ranks."

Sam's ultimate dream is to go pro and race in front of huge crowds again like one of his heroes, American Motorcycle Association champion Chad Reed.

"I want to go pro and race like I just did in the big stadiums," Sam said.



We want to take this opportunity to thank all of the fire fighters, police, emergency personnel and volunteers for the courage and tenacity shown to us as a community while fighting the wildfire last week. Your skill and success were evident in bringing this fire under control.

Thank You

It's Not About the House ...



It's about the family that lives in the house.

As a local independent agent, we can design an insurance program that's just right for you and your family. Give the people you love Safe, Sound, Secure, protection from Auto-Owners Insurance Company.

Auto-Owners Insurance



P.O. Box 527
201 Huron St., Grayling
348-6761 • 1-800-666-8896

Cemetery clean-up snafu riles residents

Continued from Page 1A
grave sites.

City officials have fielded a number of phone calls, and about a dozen people who had placed items by the graves of their loved ones attended the last Grayling City Council meeting to voice their displeasure.

Arlene Halstead, whose husband Claude Halstead, and grandsons David Baker and Joshua Halstead, a U.S. Marine, are laid to rest in the cemetery, noticed city employees loading items in the cemetery onto a truck, and questioned them about what they were doing.

"I wasn't very happy when I saw that truck - it was loaded," said Halstead, who said she is missing flower stands and wreaths for her grave sites. "It was just full of beautiful flowers that people must have just put at the cemetery."

Nancy Cox, whose husband, William Cox, a Korean War veteran, is buried in the cemetery, said her family lost a custom-made wooden cross, and a grapevine wreath decorated in red, white and blue, from their grave site.

"I don't know where the mix-up was, but you just don't go in and take things off people's graves like that, especially a cross," Cox said.

Dorothy Denton, whose father Joseph Kolka served in the Polar Bear Division in World War I, said flowers and wreath holders were missing from his grave site area as well. Denton said that she has been visiting the cemetery for over six decades, and has never had an issue.

Denton said that the missing items have placed unnecessary hardships on families, who are already dealing with the struggling economy as they prepare for Memorial Day.

"A lot of people in this town don't have money to put stuff back out on those graves," Denton said. "I'm just so upset with the whole thing."

Grayling Mayor Larry Akers apologized to the people who attended the city council meeting and ensured them that the error would not take place again.

Thayer has taken the blame for the misunderstanding, since the city employees are under his direction. He said that some of the items were placed on the graves before mounds of snow had melted at the entrance to the cemetery.

"We do regret what took place, and we will be sure that nothing like this ever happens again in the future," Thayer said.

Last year, Camp Lehman, a prison located on Hartwick Pines Road, terminated its public works contract with the City of Grayling, due to a debate over when prison crew supervisors should pay city income tax while working in the city. City officials demanded that prison employees pay income tax for the time they spent supervising prisoners working for the city. The conflict resulted in prisoners no longer maintaining the Elmwood Cemetery.

Shortly after the contract was terminated, the Michigan Department of Corrections ended its public works program for all municipalities, citing the state's budget woes.

Thayer said that state lawmakers are currently discussing reviving the prisoner's public works program.

Halstead said there were never any issues with the Elmwood Cemetery when the prisoners were doing the maintenance.

"They didn't take anything off unless it was bad, bad, bad," she said.

Cox acknowledged the hard work that the city's DPW employees do for the community.

"Those guys do the best they can," Cox said.

The city plans to implement a "quiet period" that will call for a two to three week transition for city employees to clean the

cemetery in the future. Families will be informed to remove items from their grave sites, left there before the holidays, and will then be allowed to place new items on the graves once the maintenance work is completed.

"We will be in and out and that will give families plenty of time to decorate the graves for the summer," Thayer said.

In addition, the city will place information regarding the cemetery rules and policies at the entrance to the cemetery and by the mausoleum in the cemetery. A notice of the clean up times will also be placed in the *Crawford County Avalanche*.

Kathy Piehl, whose son Shane Piehl is laid to rest in the cemetery, said she appreciates the steps the city is taking to inform families.

"I don't mind complying, but I would like to know what I have to comply to," Piehl said.

The clean-up mix up occurred just after Ben Chouinard, the new Elmwood Cemetery sexton, started working for the city.

"He had no involvement in this at all, but he's the one everyone has been firing at," Thayer said.

Chouinard is the successor for Steve Doyle, the longtime cemetery sexton and zoning administrator for the city, who resigned from his position last year due to health issues.

Roscommon Knights of Columbus
Two Halls Available
FOR RENT
with kitchen
• Wedding Reception •
• Graduations •
• Showers • Birthdays •
• Offsite Training •
Call 989-821-8726
Room 165, West Federal Hwy
• Roscommon •

Guess who's wearing a hearing aid.



☐ None of the above ☐ Some of the above
☒ All of the above

Yes, he's wearing a hearing aid too!



Nearly invisible plus...

- Comfortable
- Works With the Telephone
- Works Well in Background Noise
- Amazingly Natural Sound

Save on Our Smallest Aids

25% OFF

**PLUS WE
ACCEPT MOST
INSURANCES!**



Miracle-Ear® Center - Grayling
1200 N. Down River Road (Miltown Clinic Building)
Every Tuesday 9-4
(800) 872-4074
ask for Eunice

OFFER ENDS MAY 31 - CALL TODAY!

teenager student retired teacher tech entrepreneur family business **anyone can be a** owner young professional retired teacher entrepreneur **philanthropist** financier empty nesters family professional athlete retired teacher civic leader college professor artists family **let us** teacher empty nesters young parents **show you how** tech entrepreneur grandparents tech



Choir students compete at state event

Four choir students from Grayling High School, who earned superior ratings (1) at District Solo and Ensemble held in Traverse City in January, went on to compete in the Michigan School Vocal Music Association State Solo

and Ensemble on April 18.

They each prepared two contrasting music pieces to perform as solos in front of a judge. They were judged on tone quality, pitch elements, rhythm elements, vocal techniques and interpretation and

presentation.

They were then given some music to explain, sight read and perform. The two categories were averaged together, determining their final rating.

Under the direction of Mrs. Karen Ross, GHS choir direc-

tor, the four students performed very well at state competition. Freshman Becca Sloan, and juniors Vicke Pegouskie and Hannah Smith, all earned a division II rating. Junior Brianna Farrell earned a division I rating.



Four GHS choir students competed in state competition. Pictured above (from L to R): Vicke Pegouskie, Director Karen Ross, Hannah Smith, Brianna Farrell and Becca Sloan.

GHS forensic team competes in state tournament

Seven members of the Grayling High School Forensic team, their coach, and several parents traveled to Eastern Michigan University on May 1, to compete in the Michigan

Interscholastic Forensics Association (MIFA) State Forensics Tournament, which is comprised of 14 competitive speaking events.

The State tournament is the culmination of a season that begins with competitive tournaments on the first Saturday in February and ends with District, Regional and State elimination tournaments in March, April and May. The team begins to prepare for competition as early as December, with other preparation beginning earlier yet, such as coaching the kids who must speak on current events.

This year, juniors April Korneli and Emily Sloan competed in oratory, a persuasive event, and informative speaking, respectively. Both girls began to research and write their speeches in December, and began to practice in earnest on the first day of the New Year.

Their efforts were rewarded when Korneli advanced to the semi-final round, finishing 10th in the state, while Sloan

advanced to the final round and finished 5th in the state.

Senior Kilah Vanderstelt and junior Meghan Wyskiel both competed in broadcasting, an event that emulates a news broadcast. Speakers in this event are given 30 minutes to select news from a provided copy and cut those stories into a five minute speech.

Vanderstelt advanced to the semi-final round and finished 11th and Wyskiel finished 15th.

Three students competed in interpretive events, events that require competitors to select and perform a scene from published literature.

Brianna Farrell performed a selection from a Raymond Carver story in which she depicted a mother, a father, a dying boy and an irascible baker, all of whom are dealing with the accidental death of the boy. She finished 20th in the state.

Kelsey Gilbert performed a children's story for which she performed the roles of a wily

rabbit trying to help an inept possum feed his family. Her performance required her to portray the roles of the rabbit, the possum, the possum's wife, as well as several frogs, both big and small, that become dinner for the possum. Gilbert advanced to the semi-final round and finished 9th in the state.

Finally, Jonathan Lovely performed a scene from a comedic play in which a dimwitted mobster helps his even dimmer friend to dress properly. Lovely finished 15th in the state.

The team as a whole finished 11th out of 49 teams.

The team competed in six tournaments across the state this season, finishing in either 1st or 2nd place in its division at all of them. Every member of the team also advanced through the elimination tournaments and qualified to State.

Throughout the year, the team members defeated 417 other speakers and 109 teams and earned 95 perfect scores and 14 first place awards.

Suffering with varicose veins?



- Non-Surgical Vein Treatment
- No Vein Stripping
- No Surgery
- No Hospitals
- Safe and Effective
- Resume Activities Same Day
- Most Insurances Accepted

Don't postpone any longer. Give your veins the vanishing act!

THE DOCTOR IS THE DIFFERENCE

Dr. David Amalfitano, Board Certified Cardiac-Vascular Surgeon provides pain free laser vein solutions with proven results! The area's only state-of-the-art full time dedicated Vein Center.

Amalfi
Vein Center

231-941-7500 • 800-440-0556

FREE INITIAL CONSULTATION

Formerly in the Munson Professional Building, now located at Copper Ridge in Traverse City
www.amalficenter.com

Join us at the
Grayling City Park
on Friday, May 23
at 6:30 p.m.
For traditional
Scottish music,
The Just for Kicks Cloggers
and Shetland Ponies
from Personal Ponies Ltd.

Shetland in the Park with "Equinox"



This event is part of the S.I.S. program sponsored by

Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs

AREA SERVICES

AREA BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Put your business before over 8,000 readers and the Internet for

\$3.85
per week*
\$100.00
6 month contract

Gaylord Electric

Licensed & Insured



- Residential •
- Commercial •
- Industrial •
- Lighting Specialist •
- 24 Hour Service
- Lic. #6107894

5825 West Miller Rd
Lewiston, MI 49756
Office: 989-786-3885
Fax: 989-786-7885

Put your business before over 8,000 readers and the Internet for \$100 for 6 months (\$3.85 per week)

Home Page Address:
crawfordcountyavalanche.com

Martin Schilbe TREE CARE

Certified Arborist • Fully Insured
Aerial Equipment • Tree Climbing
View Development • Tree Trimming
Tree Removal • Stump Grinding
FULLY INSURED • FREE ESTIMATES
989-821-8555 • 1-800-829-8555

Todd Nye
Nye & Associates, PLLC
Attorney at Law
Grayling, MI
Toll Free: (866) 868-2142
Phone: (989) 414-2724
Fax: (989) 414-2785

Northern Lawn & Homecare L.L.C.

Quality is #1 Satisfaction Guaranteed

Home Maintenance & Repair • Snowplowing •
Landscaping • Yard Cleanup • Lawn Care • Cabin &
Home Watching • Power Washing • Irrigation &
Complete Lawn Care

WE DO IT ALL
CALL CHARLIE BERTRAM
FOR FREE ESTIMATE

989-348-5725, Cell: 989-390-0093

CJJC@provide.net

Residential & Commercial Licensed & Insured • Senior Discounts

LAKEVIEW CONSTRUCTION

LICENSED AND INSURED

Kurt Michelson
CUSTOM BUILDER

(989) 821-7564
(989) 387-0445



TREE AND CRANE SERVICE

• Stump Grinding • Concrete or Wood
Seawalls • Landscaping
30 years experience Guaranteed Construction
Estimates Given & Insured

John Schilbe 989-275-5021 • 1-800-428-3019

ACCOUNTANTS

Robin L. Smith, C.P.A.

Certified Public Accountant
115 Michigan Ave.
(989) 348-2811
OFFICE HOURS
Mon. thru Fri. • 8 to 5

Michael A. DiPonio
Certified Public Accountant
Lake Margrethe
Grayling, Michigan 49738
(989) 348-1704
Accounting, tax and
consulting services

Grayling Hospital for Animals, P.C.

DR. PAUL W. MESACK
DR. TROY FAIRBANKS
DR. NANCY MARTINDALE
DR. DOUG BAN DKAU
5806 West M-72
Grayling, Michigan 49738
AT ALL TIMES PH. 348-9622
HOURS: BY APPOINTMENT

MEDICAL SERVICES

Do you need a high-quality, dependable caregiver for you or your loved one?
Compassionate Care Home Health Services Inc.
Offers Nursing, Nursing Assistant, Companion & Live-in -- services from 2 to 24 hours per day
Offices in Gaylord, Alpena, Oscoda, West Branch and Midland
Please call toll free ...when only home will do, we can help
1-877-308-1212

SUPPORT GROUPS FOR
Victims Of Domestic Violence
Emotional • Verbal
Sexual • Physical
Weekly groups available in Crawford & Ogemaw counties
For more information,
Call River House Shelter • 348-3169
COLLECT CALLS ACCEPTED



AJD FOREST PRODUCTS

LARGEST INDUSTRIAL LUMBER PRODUCER IN THE LAKE STATES
We Buy Standing Timber
With Supervised Cutting
By Our
Professional Foresters.
"A Forest Friendly Company"
Four Mile Road • P.O. Box 629
Grayling, MI 49738
(989) 348-5412

Tuition agreement for military families OK'd

Senator Tony Stamas, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Higher Education Subcommittee, is commending a decision allowing the students of Michigan's military families, whose parents are transferred out of state, to pay in-state tuition rates.

"The men and women serving in our military are risking their lives every day to defend our freedom," said Stamas, R-Midland. "The last thing they need to worry about is whether or not their child's college tuition expenses will dramatically increase because they were transferred."

Members of the Presidents Council, State Universities of Michigan, announced the move at a Capitol news conference last week.

Under a pact signed by the council members, students who

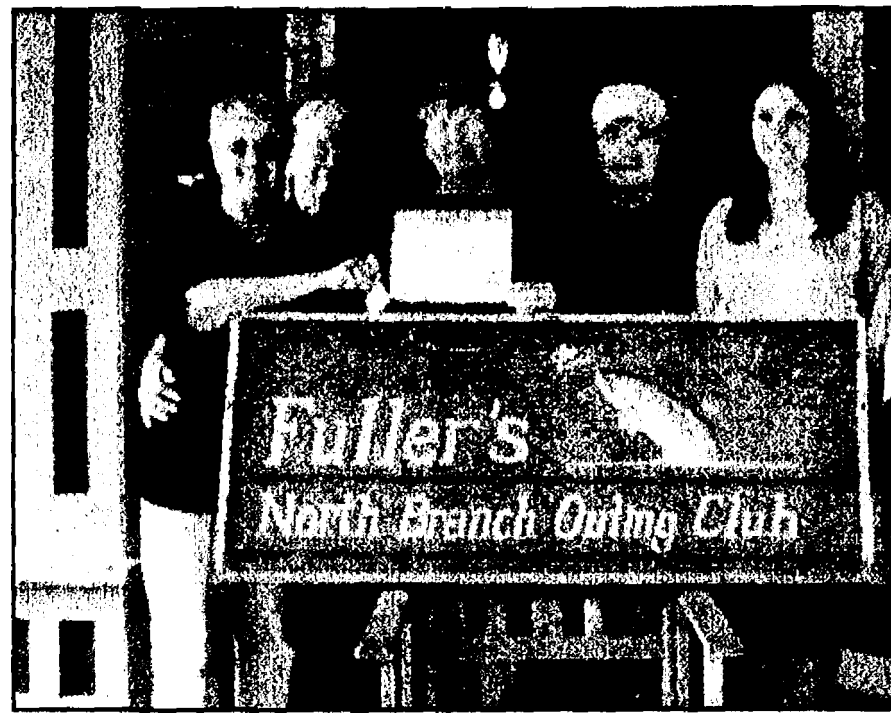
have at least one parent serving in the armed forces qualify for in-state tuition rates even if their parents are transferred to another state.

Thanks to the agreement, Michigan's universities will grant in-state tuition to active-duty members of the armed forces, their spouses and their dependents, if the service member is a Michigan resident or stationed in Michigan.

Once the student qualifies for in-state tuition, that status remains as long as the student is continually enrolled in the current degree program at the university.

"I commend universities across the state for doing the right thing and helping ensure that military families are not punished for a change of address while on active duty," Stamas said.

Outing club selected as chamber's spotlighted member



The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Club selected Fuller's North Branch Outing Club as April's Spotlight-a-Member. Pictured L to R: Joyce and Mike Ingalls, Judy and Darrell Fuller and Kim (Fuller) Lewis.

Fuller's North Branch Outing Club was selected as the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Ambassador's Club Spotlight-a-Member Award recipient for April.

In 1996, Judy and Darrell Fuller purchased a historic fishing lodge on the banks of the North Branch of the AuSable River, in the small village of Lovells. After two years of restoration, the 14 bedroom lodge opened as a bed and breakfast.

Card of Thanks

We want to thank the Grayling Fire Department, the DNR, the Crawford County Sheriff's Department and the ambulance crew for their fast response to the fire that had spread to our property on Friday, May 9. A special

"The guests enjoy fishing, hunting or just relaxing after having a full breakfast on every morning of their stay," said the Fullers.

A full service fly shop and guide service is owned and operated by the Fuller's son, Todd. The interior design work was done by Kimberly, the daughter of the Fullers. It has made the lodge cozy and comfortable said the Fullers.

Fuller's North Branch Outing Club is open from April to December.

thank you to our neighbors John Harrison, Travis Hulbert and Dave Schmidt.

Jack, Sherry and Tabitha Harney

DENTAL IMPLANTS YOU CAN AFFORD

Do you have a problem with loose dentures? Unable to chew because of missing teeth? C. Thomas Riegle, D.D.S., utilizes new mini dental implants that can stabilize dentures, partial dentures and also provide single or multiple tooth replacements often in one or two appointments.



Call Grayling Family Dentistry at (989) 348-4300

for your free implant consultation.
(any extra x-rays at additional cost)

1664 Hartwick Pines Rd., Grayling

INSURANCE IS A CONSTANTLY CHANGING INDUSTRY. You often have questions that need to be answered.

We will expertly guide you through the confusion of coverage and cost.

FOR

- Home • Life • Auto
- Health, and
- Business Insurance

Call on the Grayling Insurance Agency Team



Jeanne Bulmer, Brian McGuinness, Andrea Lesh

GRAYLING INSURANCE AGENCY
"WE MAKE IT HAPPEN"

2375 S. I-75 Business Loop, Grayling (989) 348-2851
Located next to Century 21 • Across from the Grayling Mini Mall

River House offers advocate assistance program

A Personal Protection Order (PPO) application is available at the county clerk's office. In a PPO, a court orders another person to stop threats or violence against the person applying for the PPO. As with any process, paperwork can be daunting. For victims of domestic or sexual violence who are already stressed, completing the paperwork concisely and completely may not be easy.

Advocates at River House, Inc., assist victims to obtain or modify a PPO for domestic violence or stalking. In order to make a timely decision, the court needs legally sufficient information. The person applying for the PPO states the facts

on which the petition is based. Victims of domestic violence understand why they need a PPO. Some find it difficult to work through the emotional pain to identify the facts concisely. Advocates, trained in this process, can listen and assist with this.

In Crawford County, the clerk's office provides information about River House, Inc., services, one of which is assistance with PPO filing. River House continues to offer support groups and individual counseling for the survivors of domestic and sexual violence and their children.

Call River House, at 348-3169, if you are in need of any of these services.

AREA BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Put your business before over 8,000 readers and the Internet for

\$3.85

per week*

*\$100.00

6 month contract

CuSable CONSTRUCTION
BUILDING IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN SINCE 1976
RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL
(989) 348-5477
2342 Industrial St.
Grayling Industrial Park
Grayling, MI
FAX (989) 348-3232

Thomas I. O'Brien Architect Inc.
307 North Fifth Street
Roscommon, MI 48653
275-3075
Commercial and Residential
Licensed Architect Since 1985

MYERS LAND SURVEY CO.
P.O. Box 831
Grayling, MI 49738
Ph. (989) 348-4036
Marvin E. Myers, P.S.
John H. Rauser, P.S.
A member of
ROWE Professional Service Companies, Inc.

Residential METAL ROOFING
Licensed and Insured • Free Estimates
GLENWOOD BUILDERS, L.L.C.
1-800-556-6998
www.glenwoodbuildersllc.com

Suburban Bolt & Supply ISO-9000 REGISTERED
WHOLESALE
• FASTENERS
• CUTTING TOOLS
• ABRASIVES
• INDUSTRIAL
SUPPLIES & TOOLS
• PUBLIC WELCOME
CALL ANDY TODAY AT
989-344-2000
5615 WEST M-72
(1/4 MILE WEST OF
BUSINESS LOOP I-75)

Licensed & Insured
SCHREIBER BUILDERS
Homes • Additions • Garages
Remodeling • Roofing • Decks • Siding
DAVE SCHREIBER
4581 Calvin Dr.
989-348-5858
Grayling, MI 49738

MODULAR & MANUFACTURED HOMES
1-800-355-5488
GRAYLING MFG. HOUSING
4476 M-72 WEST (EAST OF GRAYLING)
www.graylingmfghousing.net
"FINANCING AVAILABLE"

REMODEL
ROOFING
SIDING
WINDOWS
SUNROOMS
NO PAYMENT or
INTEREST FOR 6 MONTHS
FREE ESTIMATES
HOUSE DOCTOR
www.house-doctor.com

Mike Lesko
Propane Sales & Service
Office: 989-348-7847
800-292-9235
113 Fig Street
Grayling, MI 49738
Petroleum Marketers

POLE BUILDINGS
Commercial, Farm, or Residential
30 years experience
Standing Seam Metal Roofing
Licensed and Insured
Free Estimates
J.W. Hageman Construction
(989) 348-1662 • Cell: (989) 619-6780
Grayling

Rick Grisham
Financial Advisor
307 Huron St. Suite 1
Grayling, MI 49738
989-348-6964
www.edwardjones.com
Member SIPC
Edward Jones
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

COLLEN MASONRY
Garage Slabs • Chimneys
Driveways • Siding
Cultured Stone • Concrete stamping
Garages, Polebarns, Homes,
Additions, Any Projects Necessary
Call for FREE estimates
989-348-0112
Cell: 1-888-745-1522
Licensed & Insured

Jack Millikin, Inc.
Excavating &
Redi-Mix
Grayling, MI
Masonry Work
Septic Installation,
Repair & Service-Sand-Gravel
Topsoil-Brick Pavers
Block & Insulated Poured Wall
Foundations
(989) 348-8411
Fax: (989) 348-3913
E-mail: jackmillikin@verizon.net
www.jackmillikin.com

Beckett Contracting, Inc.
P.O. Box 319, Roberts Rd.,
Grayling, MI 49738
Licensed - Insured
New Homes • Additions • Siding
Remodeling • Garages • Roofing
Phone 348-7237

OSGA
MASONRY & CONSTRUCTION
New Construction • Garages • Additions
Cultured Stone • Brick • Flat Work
(989) 348-1075 JAY OSGA
FREDERIC, MI INSURED LICENSED BUILDER

Barber Construction Inc.
Builder Remodeler
Full Service Remodeling
2 Year Warranty
989-275-5703
Thomas S. Barber, C.A.P.S.
(Certified Aging-In-Place Specialist)
1210 Rough Ct., Roscommon, MI 48653
Member of Tri Lakes Home Builders Assoc.
And the National Assoc. of Home
Builders Remodelers Council
barber@charterinternet.com

Edwards Jones
Financial Advisor
307 Huron St. Suite 1
Grayling, MI 49738
989-348-6964
www.edwardjones.com
Member SIPC
Edward Jones
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

Hall's Paintings
Drywall Repair, Textured Ceilings &
Walls, Powerwashing, Deck Refinishing
(989) 348-8169
Gary & Brenda Hall (810)338-1399

BIG WHEEL Construction Service
"We do it all,
as well as snow plowing."
(989) 390-3980 (989) 348-7398
Owner Super Dave Reichelderfer 6440 Richard Rd.
Grayling, MI
Licensed & Insured

J.T. Cochrane Construction
New Construction or Remodeling for
your Northern home or retreat.
Complete general contracting services for
your individual project.
• Additions • Decks • Siding • Garages • And More
Custom design service available
phone: (989) 348-8527
fax: (989) 348-9643
e-mail: cochrane1@t2k.com

HAL'S MASONRY, INC.
The Foundation Dreams Are Built On
MASONRY SERVICES
• Block • Brick •
• Cultured Stone •
• Flatwork • Stamped Concrete •
• Poured Walls • Retaining Walls •
• Concrete Countertops •
• Decorative Concrete •
• Patios • Hearths & Mantels •
EXCAVATING SERVICES
6811 M-93 S.
Grayling, MI 49738
HMCCT.com
(989) 348-8179 • Fax: (989) 348-5096
Licensed & Insured

Barber Construction Inc.
Builder Remodeler
Full Service Remodeling
2 Year Warranty
989-275-5703
Thomas S. Barber, C.A.P.S.
(Certified Aging-In-Place Specialist)
1210 Rough Ct., Roscommon, MI 48653
Member of Tri Lakes Home Builders Assoc.
And the National Assoc. of Home
Builders Remodelers Council
barber@charterinternet.com

ROOFING, ROOFING, ROOFING
• All Shingle
• New Construction
• Tear offs &
Reshingle
• Emergency
Repair
• Free Estimates
989-348-5817
989-390-1526

WHEATON CONSTRUCTION Pole Barns
Commercial • Industrial
Agricultural • Residential
Owned & Operated by
Phil Wheaton
Since 1978
5885 Manistee River,
Grayling, MI
1-889-344-BARN
www.wheatonbarns.com

X COPY CENTER
SIGNS FOR YOUR JOBSITE
989-348-7872

Kernstock Builders
Quality Work for 35 years
Family Owned and Operated
Licensed & Insured
800-348-0045
Homes
Additions
Garages
Remodeling
Decks
Roofing
107 Kings Court
Grayling, MI 49738

HAL'S MASONRY, INC.
The Foundation Dreams Are Built On
MASONRY SERVICES
• Block • Brick •
• Cultured Stone •
• Flatwork • Stamped Concrete •
• Poured Walls • Retaining Walls •
• Concrete Countertops •
• Decorative Concrete •
• Patios • Hearths & Mantels •
EXCAVATING SERVICES
6811 M-93 S.
Grayling, MI 49738
HMCCT.com
(989) 348-8179 • Fax: (989) 348-5096
Licensed & Insured

HMI SPECIALTIES
• Concrete Hearths & Mantels • Epoxy Flooring • Kitchen & Bath Cabinets
• Cabinet Layout & Design • Cultured Stone • Real Stone Veneer • Field Stone
• Countertops • Concrete • Solid Surface • Granite • Engineered Stone • Laminates
• Snow Room • FREE ESTIMATES • LICENSED & INSURED
Quality Craftsmanship by Professional Designers, Craftsmen & Artists
hmi.net.com

6811 M-93 South
Grayling, MI 49738
Phone: (989) 348-8179
Fax: (989) 348-5096

STOP LEG CRAMPS BEFORE THEY STOP YOU.

Calcet's triple calcium formula is designed to help stop low calcium leg cramps. Just ask your pharmacist.

Calcet
Triple Calcium
(Calcium, Vitamin D)

Mission

Prizes * Awards * Fun * Parades * Sign Up Now For SUMMER CLINICS

Baton Twirling, Dance, Cheer, and Gymnastics
June 23-24-25-26

Krystal Stars Club

- Grayling July 7-8-9
- Grayling August 4-5-6
- Grayling

Clinic Times:
Ages 6 and up 12:30pm to 5:00pm
Ages 3-4-5 12:30 pm to 3pm

\$50 Per Clinic \$10 Off Each Clinic Paid in Full Before May 25th

(No refunds after June 1, 2008. Credits will be issued for classes or clinics not taken but paid for. All students will perform in the Otsego Co. Fair and/or parades that know their routines.)

CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION 989-348-6542

Krystal Stars Club

Prizes * Awards * Fun * Parades *

TOM'S POLE BUILDINGS

1-800-541-3974

POLE BUILDINGS & GARAGES

YOUR CHOICE OF ROOFING & SIDING • CEMENT WORK

Top of the line quality
Many Sizes & Options Available

FROM BEGINNING PERMITS TO CLEAN-UP. WE DO IT ALL!

4050 Industrial Dr. • Harrison
www.tomspolebuildings.com
Accept - Visa and Master Card

FEATURING ULTRA 2000 19 colors to choose from 30 year Warranty

Call For a Pre-Estimate Today!

Oppy memorial tree planted

A tree has been planted on the front lawn at Kirtland Community College in memory of long-time staffer and faculty member Steve Oppy, who died recently after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Shown is Steve's daughter, Rachel, as she begins to cover the young white pine's root system with a shovel full of dirt. Kirtland's Mark Allen and Mary Jo Oppy look on during the ceremony on May 9.

Alternative energy ideas fuel discussion

by Matt Flint
Capital News Service

Ray Keith has no plans to convert his corn farm in Scottville to any kind of alternative energy.

"I'm 65 years old now," Keith said. "I'm getting too old to do that."

A few years ago, though, Midland Energy attempted to install wind turbines on several farms in the area, including Keith's, to provide energy. The turbines were never put up because of county zoning regulations.

Despite Keith's wariness about switching to wind power, alternative energy is becoming more of a reality in the state.

Many residents in the state favor a push toward using alternative energy as much as possible.

For example, Rachel Hood, executive director of the West Michigan Environmental Action Council in Grand Rapids, said renewable energy use is on the

rise. Yet wind power, she said, remains a largely unused resource in Michigan, despite its potential.

"Companies, communities and individuals are poised to begin to use wind energy," Hood said. "But there are some issues around public perception in terms of aesthetics, which is a bad reason to decline these opportunities."

One of the biggest hurdles facing the state is the need to pass a sustainable-energy portfolio law and secure funding to proceed with renewable projects, she said.

A sustainable-energy portfolio would set specific standards for individuals and companies regarding energy use.

Governor Jennifer Granholm, as well as state environmental groups and some businesses, have endorsed a goal of 10 percent renewable energy by 2015. The state currently gets about 3 percent of its energy from renew-

able sources.

"The states that are really blooming in the renewable energy market have had support from their legislatures and a go-ahead to invest," she said.

But, public funding is not readily available in the state's current economic climate.

"Investors are still waiting for Michigan to flip the switch," Hood said.

Warren Schauer, a Michigan State University Extension educator in Escanaba, said Michigan has a huge potential for wind energy - ranking 14th in the nation for potential production.

If widely implemented, wind energy could produce 65 billion kilowatt hours of energy statewide, he said.

Currently, 55 megawatts of energy are produced per year in Michigan, less than one-tenth of its potential.

One growing source of alternative energy is small wind production, which allows people to har-

ness energy on a smaller scale without the use of windmills. Individuals who use small wind production can stay off the statewide power grid if they choose, remaining self-reliant.

The most effective place for this type of energy production is along the Great Lakes' shoreline because of the high winds there, according to Schauer.

"It's a clean energy source and environmentally conscious," Schauer said.

Since December 2007, more than \$2 million in federal grants have gone to 26 renewable projects in Michigan. Three of them were small wind projects.

Hood said an important first step in an energy portfolio is efficiency, conservation and energy efficiency will help the state move ahead with new alternative energy sources.

Traditional means of producing energy, such as coal-powered plants, should be the last resort, Hood said.

AREA BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Put your business before over 8,000 readers and the Internet for **\$3.85 per week***
*\$100.00 6 month contract

ARMY NAVY PINEVIEW SURPLUS & SUPPLY

Dan & Chris Klatt
889-348-8300
7330 Oak-27 North
Frederick, MI 49733

Pineview Motel
889-348-7955

Put your business before over 8,000 readers and the Internet for **\$100 for 6 months (\$3.85 per week)**

Home Page Address:
crawfordcountyavalanche.com

JOE FRITCH JASON SMALL
FRITCH ELECTRIC INC. DBA

PRIMARY ELECTRIC

Electrical Contractors
P.O. Box 398
Grayling, Michigan 49738
Bus. (989) 348-6440 Fax (989) 348-4151

A.I. Security LLC
Locally Owned
Licensed & Insured

Your Security Guard Needs

Mike Ingalls
989-344-0868

Loren's Photography

Outdoor Photographer/On Location Available
(989) 344-4567 • (989) 613-8426

Wedding • Seniors • Families • Children
Anniversaries • Engagement Shots • Pets
Celebrations • Pregnancy • Nature/Landscape

ELECTRIC GINGERICH

Licensed & Insured
Residential Commercial Industrial

SALES & SERVICE

Stand By Generators
Energy Management

Electrical Contractor 989-348-5355

GRAYLING AREA Internet Services

Local Access!
as low as **\$18.95** per month

1.888.282.4932

Sorenson Lockwood Funeral Home

Terrie L. Lockwood
Manager / Owner

- * Cremation Options
- * Monuments
- * Markers
- * Pre-Arranged Funerals

1108 North Down River Road
P.O. Box 602
Grayling, Michigan 49738

Phone: 989-348-2951 Fax: 989-348-4968

www.sorensonlockwood.com

Therapeutic Massage

- Deep Tissue • Swedish
- Thai • Trigger Point
- Sports • CranioSacral
- Lymphatic • Drainage
- Reflexology and Acupressure Therapy

Kate Carlson
Massage Therapist
(989) 344-1048

Dan's Plumbing & Service

Licensed Master Plumber
Licensed Mechanical Contractor

PLUMBING HEATING INSTALLATION

New Homes Boilers
Remodeling of Forced Air
Kitchen & Baths Repairs
Repairs Free Estimates

Dan Wichert • 348-2539

Video Services

Transfer your VHS tapes and 35mm Slides to a DVD or CD and preserve your precious memories forever!!!

Very reasonable rates!!!
Local resident...Call 989-348-3265
Price quotes immediately...ask for Carl

ADVANCED BUSINESS MACHINES, INC.

"People dedicated to service"

SHARP COPIERS • FAX

220 E. Ludington Dr. (989) 588-9750
FARWELL, MI 49622 1-800-922-5184

Hebert Plumbing & Heating

Residential • Commercial
Plumbing • Heating • Mechanical

Service available 24 hours • Custom Sheet Metal Shop
Call for free estimates **348-4900**

26 N I-75 Bus. Loop • Grayling
(1 mile N of I-75 West Exit)

Jim's Well Drilling

Grayling, Michigan

4" Thru 8" Wells
Pump Sales & Service
PVC and Steel • Free Estimates

Established 1966 • State License #2200
(989) 348-8788
Fax: (989) 348-4224

Heating and Air Conditioning

NORTHERN MECHANICAL

- Sheet Metal Fabrication
- Licensed Boiler Installer
- 27 Years Experience
- Insured
- Licensed Mechanical Contractor

Jeff Rose, Owner

989-348-6574

Rick Wyskiel Wants to be your Professional Service Technician. Bring in this Ad, ask for me, and receive 10% OFF parts & labor.

3433 W. M-55 • West Branch
East of I-75 • Exit 215
989-345-2571
1-800-344-HART(4278)

American Storage

in Frederick and new location in Grayling

Now Leasing
Under New Management
Great Rates

800-225-0434
989-344-8034

River House Shelter and Domestic Crisis Services

Educational/Support Group for Women Dealing with Domestic Violence Issues
Offered by River House Shelter & Domestic Crisis Services

Please Call
1-800-554-3169 or 989-348-3169
P.O. Box 661, Grayling, MI 49738

Xpress Copy Center

ALL YOUR PRINTING NEEDS AVAILABLE HERE!

COPIES • PRINTING SIGNS • BANNERS GRAPHIC DESIGN

989-348-7872
xpresscopy@t2k.net

ASCENT

THE PERFECT LOAN FOR THE PERFECT HOME!
\$0 Down Home Purchases
Cash Out Refinances
Financing for Single & Multi Units, Manufactured, Modular & Commercial

Mary Becker
Senior Loan Specialist
Toll Free: 877-669-0782
989-348-7919
marybecker@verizon.net

Get Approved for Free!

Northern Tails

Quality Pet Grooming
Monday thru Saturday

5951 Glenwood Court
(off of Airport Road, North of Grayling)
Private Pet Sitting Available

989-344-9999

Master Groomer on staff

Roscommon County Title Insurance Agency

8141 N. Cui Rd.
Roscommon, Michigan 48653
Ph. (989) 821-4544
Fax (989) 821-3644
E-mail: mfergen@landcenterprises.com

Over 50 Years of Experience!

Crawford County Title Insurance Agency

108 Burton Ct., P.O. Box 581
Grayling, Michigan 49738
Ph. (989) 348-9832

GREAT LAKES TREE REMOVAL

Tree Trimming and Removal

- Aerial Lift • Stump Grinding
- Lot Clearing
- Site Preparation
- Excavating
- Sand, Gravel, Stone, Topsoil
- Firewood
- Back Hoe Services
- Visa & MasterCard Accepted
- Fully Insured

989-348-9233



United Garment Restoration Services, which has opened an office in Grayling, is a business that focuses on helping people with the aftermath of floods and fires. Above, Dave Wolf is the account manager for the United Garment Restoration office in Grayling.

Restoration business opens office in Grayling

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A restoration firm, which specializes in cleaning textiles and garments after a fire or flood, has opened a branch office in Grayling.

United Garment Restoration Services, which has opened an office at 1937 Dorothy Lane, is a business that focuses on helping people with the aftermath of floods and fires. The business aims to help businesses and homeowners restore all of their textile materials, including carpets, drapes and clothing, from smoke and water damage, mold and mildew damage and fire chemical contamination. The company can also bring specialized equipment into a home or business to remove smoke odors.

"We're a business that nobody wants to have, but are glad to

know that we're here when they need us," said Dave Wolf, an account manager for the United Garment Restoration office in Grayling.

Items that can't be cleaned on site are sent to a dry cleaners, or to United Garment Restoration's main plant in Plymouth, for cleaning. The business charges only for the items that they can clean.

Wolf said the business plans to offer full restoration work, contracting with local construction companies and builders for services.

"My goal is to provide full restoration service to the area, provided that we get the business," Wolf said.

Wolf is working with insurance adjusters and other restoration firms to let them know that a firm specializing in garment

restoration is located in the region.

United Garment Restoration operates in nine states, including Michigan. The Grayling office covers an area from U.S. 10 to the Mackinac Bridge and the Upper Peninsula.

Wolf has worked in the restoration and dry cleaning business for 30 years.

"I can automatically go into a home and tell them what can and can't be saved due to the contamination," Wolf said.

Eventually, United Garment Restoration hopes to have a cleaning plant in Grayling. The business hopes to have five full-time employees within a year, and 20 part-time and full-time employees in two years.

Wolf has family, who have been longtime Grayling residents, and has lived in the com-

munity for the last four years.

"I love it up here," Wolf said. "I don't want to be anywhere else other than here in Grayling."

BOY SCOUT TROOP #979

Flower Sale!

SATURDAY, MAY 24TH: 9 AM TO 6 PM
SUNDAY, MAY 25TH: 10 AM TO 2 PM

IN *the Medicine Shoppe* PARKING LOT.

PROCEEDS FOR EQUIPMENT AND SUMMER CAMPS!

ANY QUESTIONS, CALL: MICHELE @ 348-2661
OR LOREN @ 348-8682

Manager's Special!

9.99 While Supply Lasts!

Oscillator Sprinkler

724336 May

DuBois Lumber and Rental Center

6593 West M-72 Hwy
Grayling, MI 49738
(989) 348-4831
(989) 348-9000

Store Hours: Monday - Friday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. • Sunday - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Shop Us Online @ www.duboislumber.doitbest.com

Licensed & Insured

The Company Fixing Your Job
All work guaranteed

- Metal Roofing
- Additions
- Remodels
- Masonry
- Custom Homes
- Home & Cabin Watch
- Roofing / Siding
- Windows
- Pole Barns
- Garages
- Snowplowing

Jason Neeley - Owner/Operator

RIVERTOWN
Construction Grayling, Inc.

PO Box 653, Grayling MI
989-344-8802 • 231-624-0107

LOOK WHO WE HAVE NOW



Mercy Hospital Grayling recently added ten new specialists to its already exceptional medical staff. These skilled physicians bring additional expertise to the community and are dedicated to providing attentive specialty care to residents in the Grayling region. We've got you covered with a great team of experienced physicians.

Please help us welcome (from top, left to right):

Tracey Bacik, DPM – Podiatry

Robert Balestrero, MD – Radiology

Brian Brausa, DPM – Podiatry

Richard Downey, MD – Cardiac and Thoracic Surgery

Syed Habib, MD – Orthopedic Surgery

Kent Kirkland, MD – Orthopedic Surgery

Martin Lougen, MD – Emergency Medicine

Christopher Newton, MD – Emergency Medicine

Cornelius Robens, MD – Neurology

Eric Weeks, DO – Family Practice



A Member of TRINITY HEALTH

MERCYGRAYLING.COM (989) 348-5461

RETURN YOUR GMAC LEASE AND GET AN EXTRA \$2000 LOTS OF CARS THAT GET OVER 30 MPG





BUICK LACROSSE
AS LOW AS
\$299.89
per mo w/\$0 Down



PONTIAC TORRENT
AS LOW AS
\$17,795

BEST MPG CARS AND TRUCKS IN AMERICA!



PONTIAC VIBE
AS LOW AS
\$14,265



PONTIAC G-6 SEDAN
AS LOW AS
\$189.89
per mo w/\$0 Down



GMC SIERRA
AS LOW AS
\$209.89
per mo w/\$0 Down

2008 PONTIAC VIBE Power windows, locks, air, cruise, AM/FM CD. #10934  REBATE UP TO \$5250 SALE PRICE.....\$15,095 GM DISCOUNT PRICE.....\$14,265	2008 PONTIAC TORRENT Power windows, locks, AM/FM CD, remote start. #11246  REBATE UP TO \$4000 SALE PRICE.....\$20,795 GM DISCOUNT PRICE.....\$19,795	2008 PONTIAC G-6 Power windows, locks, air, AM/FM CD. #11252  REBATE UP TO \$4500 39 MO. 0 DOWN SMART LEASE.....\$209.89 GM DISCOUNT LEASE.....\$189.89 SALE PRICE.....\$15,995 GM DISCOUNT PRICE.....\$15,168
2008 GMC SIERRA 1500 EXT. CAB Auto., air, lift, cruise, AM/FM CD with XM Radio. #11176  REBATE UP TO \$6000 39 MO. 0 DOWN SMART LEASE.....\$229.89 GM DISCOUNT LEASE.....\$209.89 SALE PRICE.....\$18,695 GM DISCOUNT PRICE.....\$17,647	2008 GMC CANYON REG. CAB Auto., AM/FM, air, locking rear differential. #11146  REBATE UP TO \$3500 SALE PRICE.....\$14,595 GM DISCOUNT PRICE.....\$13,668	2009 PONTIAC VIBE Auto., air, power windows, locks, air, lift, cruise. #11256  REBATE UP TO \$2000 ALL NEW!!! SALE PRICE.....\$17,995 GM DISCOUNT PRICE.....\$17,153
2008 BUICK LUCERNE Power windows, locks, AM/FM CD, On-Star. #11020  REBATE UP TO \$5000 39 MO. 0 DOWN SMART LEASE.....\$339.89 GM DISCOUNT LEASE.....\$309.89 SALE PRICE.....\$23,395 GM DISCOUNT PRICE.....\$22,266	2008 GMC ACADIA Auto., air, power windows, locks, AM/FM CD. #11211  REBATE UP TO \$3500 39 MO. 0 DOWN SMART LEASE.....\$379.89 GM DISCOUNT LEASE.....\$339.89 SALE PRICE.....\$27,595 GM DISCOUNT PRICE.....\$26,311	2008 GMC SIERRA 1500 CREW CAB 4X4 Power windows, locks, drivers seat, 5.3L V-8, AM/FM CD, 20" wheels. #11247  REBATE UP TO \$6000 39 MO. 0 DOWN SMART LEASE.....\$379.89 GM DISCOUNT LEASE.....\$339.89 SALE PRICE.....\$29,585 GM DISCOUNT PRICE.....\$28,163
2008 GMC SIERRA 2500 REG. CAB 4X4 Auto., air, 6.0L V-8, HD trailing equip., AM/FM CD with XM Radio. #11183  REBATE UP TO \$6250 SALE PRICE.....\$24,295 GM DISCOUNT PRICE.....\$23,059	2008 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX Auto., air, AM/FM CD, power windows, locks. #10909  REBATE UP TO \$5500 39 MO. 0 DOWN SMART LEASE.....\$259.89 GM DISCOUNT LEASE.....\$239.89 SALE PRICE.....\$18,395 GM DISCOUNT PRICE.....\$17,376	2008 GMC SIERRA 2500 EXT. CAB 4X4 Auto., air, power windows, locks, driver's seat, Duramax Diesel, remote start. #11090  REBATE UP TO \$5250 SALE PRICE.....\$35,995 GM DISCOUNT PRICE.....\$34,206
2008 GMC SIERRA 1500 REG. CAB Auto., lift, cruise, On-Star, AM/FM CD with XM Radio. #11220  REBATE UP TO \$5500 SALE PRICE.....\$14,995 GM DISCOUNT PRICE.....\$14,236	2008 GMC ENVY 4X4 Auto., air, power windows, locks, seats, moonroof, Bose stereo. #11188  REBATE UP TO \$5500 39 MO. 0 DOWN SMART LEASE.....\$359.89 GM DISCOUNT LEASE.....\$329.89 SALE PRICE.....\$27,295 GM DISCOUNT PRICE.....\$25,915	2008 BUICK LACROSSE CX Power seat, windows, locks, cruise, AM/FM str CD, On-Star. #11276  REBATES UP TO \$4500 39 MO. 0 DOWN SMART LEASE.....\$319.89 GM DISCOUNT LEASE.....\$299.89 SALE PRICE.....\$27,395 GM DISCOUNT PRICE.....\$26,325

USED VEHICLE SPECIALS

**USED RATES AS LOW AS 2.9%
LOW LOW PAYMENTS**

2006 GMC 1500 CREW CAB SLT, WHITE 4X4, VERY CLEAN.....\$23,499 2006 CHEVY 1500 CREW CAB, SILVER BIRCH, 2-71, 4X4.....\$22,389 2003 CHEVY SILVERADO, EXT. CAB, BURGUNDY, 4X4, 2-71.....\$19,289 2000 JEEP WRANGLER, STICK SHFT, SOFT TOP, AC, BLUE.....\$19,589 2006 BUICK RENDEZVOUS CXL, PLATINUM METALLIC, SUNROOF.....NEW LISTING \$19,745 2006 HUMMER H3, 4 WD, RED LEATHER, SUNROOF.....\$22,999 2006 PONTIAC TORRENT AWD, SUNROOF, CLOTH LOADED.....\$18,999 2006 GMC ENVY, GRAY SLE, ROOF, CHROME WHEELS.....\$18,899 2006 GMC ENVY, SILVER, SUNROOF, SLE, 4X4.....\$19,899 2006 BUICK RENDEZVOUS, LEATHER, LOADED, NEW LISTING \$18,245 2006 BUICK RENDEZVOUS, CAPPUCCINO.....NEW LISTING \$18,999 2006 BUICK RENDEZVOUS FWD, RED, CLOTH, LOADED.....\$14,999 2006 GMC ENVY 4X4, SILVER, SUNROOF, CLOTH, LOADED.....\$18,899 2006 CHEVY TRAIL BLAZER, BLACK, LEATHER, LT, 4X4, NO ROOF.....\$17,999 2004 CHEVY TRAIL BLAZER, CLOTH, 4X4, RED, AC, CRUISE, POWER SEAT.....\$16,999 2006 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX 3.9 V-6, RED, LOADED.....\$24,999 2006 PONTIAC LACROSSE CXL, MING BLUE.....NEW LISTING \$27,995 2007 SATURN ION 2, GOLDEN CASHMERE, AUTO.....\$16,999 2006 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX GT, BLUE GREEN, LEATHER, ROOF.....NEW LISTING \$12,999 2006 PONTIAC G-6, CXL, SUNROOF, WHITE, VERY CLEAN.....\$13,999 2006 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX, REMOTE START, ON-STAR, GREEN.....NEW LISTING \$13,999	2005 CHEVY IMPALA, SPORT PACKAGE 3.4, SUNROOF, BLACK.....\$12,999 2005 PONTIAC VIBE FWD, GRAY, AUTO., AC, W/DOOR, CRUISE.....\$15,499 2005 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX, LEATHER, CHROME WHEELS.....NEW LISTING \$13,999 2005 CHEVY IMPALA, SILVERTONE, 3.4 V-6, SUNROOF, SPORT PACKAGE.....NEW LISTING \$14,999 2005 BUICK LACROSSE CXL, CARDINAL RED, 3.8, NO ROOF.....NEW LISTING \$15,599 2005 BUICK LACROSSE CX, BLACK 3.8, NO ROOF.....NEW LISTING \$14,599 2004 PONTIAC VIBE, WHITE, SUNROOF, AUTO.....NEW LISTING \$12,699 2004 PONTIAC GRAND AM SE, SILVER, AC, CD, SPOKER.....NEW LISTING \$11,199 2004 PONTIAC GRAND AM, SILVER SE 2.2.....NEW LISTING \$10,999 2004 BUICK LESABRE, CUSTOM, SILVER, VERY CLEAN, LOADED.....\$12,199 2004 PONTIAC GRAND AM, SUNROOF, GRAY, NICE VEHICLE.....\$10,999 2004 BUICK LIMITED, GOLD, LEATHER, HEADS UP CLEAN.....\$13,999 2005 CHEVY COBALT, BLUE GRAMITE, AUTO, GAS SAVER.....\$10,999 2003 BUICK CENTURY, CUSTOM SILVER.....\$12,999 2005 TRAIL BLAZER, WHITE, L/S, 4X4.....\$10,999 2005 CHEVY MALIBU, GRAY.....\$13,999 2006 PONTIAC MONTANA SV6, LOADED, AWD, STEALTH, DVD.....NEW LISTING \$20,275 2006 CHEVY UPLANDER, LEATHER, DVD, BLUE, LOADED.....NEW LISTING \$18,999 2006 PONTIAC MONTANA SV6, SPORT RED.....NEW LISTING \$18,445 2006 PONTIAC MONTANA SV6, LOADED, BRONZE WEST, DVD.....\$17,549
--	---

Come in and see Bill & Tim Hart, Greg Trombley/Finance, Jim Decker, Service Manager, and their friendly sales staff. Matt Gallardo, Sales Manager, Brian Lawrence. Used Car Sales Manager, John Walsh, Kim Noel, Roger Voorhees, and Ryan Veeder at the HART Pontiac - GMC - Buick, Inc. in West Branch.

3433 W. M-55 • West Branch • East of I-75 • Exit 216

**989-345-2571
1-800-341-HART**

Sale Hours:
Mon. 8 till 6
Tues.-Fri. 8 till 6
Sat. 9 till 2
Service Hours:
Mon. 8 till 8
Tues. - Fri. 8 till 5

Pin oak trees planted



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Pin oak trees for the City of Grayling's \$1.3 million streetscape project were planted on Friday. Landscapers, who placed maple trees along the downtown streetscape last fall, held off on planting the oak trees until spring, since they are prone to disease and transplant better in spring weather conditions. Above, Joe Timson and Travis Wedow, employees for Traverse Outdoor, a Traverse City based landscaping and irrigation company, place a pin oak tree in front of the office building used by attorney David Sabin and certified public accountant Robin Miller.

Winner for Kirtland calendar cover selected

A drawing by a Roscommon Middle School eighth-grader was selected as the overall winner in the annual Kirtland's Warbler Festival's Young Artists Calendar contest and will be featured on the front cover of the 2008-09 edition of the calendar.

This year's winner, Emily Lawson, an eighth-grader from Roscommon, submitted a drawing of two Kirtland's warblers, one perched in a jack pine and another nearby in a different type of tree. Her entry was one of nearly 1,100 submitted prior to the May 1 deadline, according to Dennis Mansfield, contest coordinator and director of public relations for Kirtland Community College.

The calendar contest was created by the Kirtland's Warbler Festival Committee, which plans the annual festival hosted by KCC on its main campus near Roscommon on the third Saturday of May, as a way to engage and educate young students about the Kirtland's warbler and Michigan's jack pine ecosystem.

"We had hundreds of entries from across northern Michigan and the Bahamas," Mansfield said. "That included entries from at least 25 different schools, from students ranging from pre-kindergarten to the eighth grade. We're just thrilled to see so many students again take part in the contest."

The calendar entries were judged by members of the KWF Committee and special guests on Friday, May 9. Selection criteria included artistic effort and attention to the biology of the Kirtland's warbler, its habitat and the region's jack pine ecosystem.

Eighth-grade students swept the top three choices this year, with Lawson selected as the overall winner of the 2008-09 Young Artists Calendar contest. Jolyn Oldham of Windermere High School, located on the island of Eleuthera in the Bahamas, was selected as the first runner-up and will have her entry featured on the back cover.

Many will recognize the artistic efforts of the second runner-up, Daniel Schorn of the T.R.U.T.H. Homeschool Group in West Branch, which will be featured on the inside cover of the upcoming calendar. Schorn was last year's overall winner and his entry helped compose the front cover of the 2007-08 calendar.

"It's amazing to see the artistic talent of these very creative young people," Mansfield said. "And the Kirtland's Warbler Festival committee is proud to be able to help display their work, as well as to help educate more people about the Kirtland's warbler."

The KWF committee expanded the calendar for the 2007-08 edition, increasing the number of winning entries displayed with the individual months from 18 to 20 and increasing the number of the honorable mention selections from 30 to 60. The calendar also includes an informational page about the Kirtland's warbler.

"We're hoping to improve the calendar even more with this year's edition, adding to its educational value," Mansfield added. "But, it's the students and their artwork that make the Young Artists Calendar a very unique project."

Kirtland officials are planning to have the new 2008-09 calendar printed prior to the start of the upcoming school year. Students with winning or honorable mention entries, and the participating schools, will receive a number of calendars courtesy of the KWF committee. Persons wishing to purchase additional calendars may do so at the KCC Bookstore or by using the ordering form included with each calendar.

The artwork for the 2008-09 calendar contest will also be on display at the Kirtland's Warbler Festival on Saturday, May 17, at the Kirtland House conference center. Purchase of a \$5 festival button is good for all festival events, and is required for those 15 and older.

For more details on the Kirtland's Warbler Festival or the Young Artists Calendar contest, visit online at <http://warbler.kirtland.edu/>, e-mail mansfield.kirtland.edu or call 989-275-5000, extension 242.

Free lawn care assessments available

The Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program (MGSP) reminds you that a healthy and properly maintained lawn can only help contribute to a healthy environment. In fact, when the right techniques are employed, a lawn is capable of filtering contaminants from rainwater and the atmosphere, reducing runoff and erosion, absorbing fertilizers and other nutrients without threatening the groundwater supply below and absorbing heat and light. All the while, a properly maintained lawn can continue to provide an ideal surface for many recreational activities.

The MGSP offers many free services to the public designed to help residents maintain a healthy lawn and also to protect Michigan's water resources.

One of those free services is the Lawn *A* Syst home assessment.

This assessment will identify proper lawn care techniques that not only suit your home-site, but also allow you to achieve your lawn care objectives and simultaneously protect both groundwater and nearby surface water, as Michigan residents depend upon these resources for drinking water.

The Lawn *A* Syst home assessment is a step-by-step process that examines the current lawn care practices employed around the home-site. Topics covered can include fertilization, mowing, irrigation, pest control and seeding.

Upon completion of this assessment, residents will understand what practices may or may not be threatening the quality of their groundwater and other local water resources. Alternative practices, allowing residents to maintain the quality of their lawn but at the same time protecting their water resources, will be provided.

This home lawn care assessment is free of charge and available through Andy Vokes at the Missaukee Conservation District. This free program is available to all residents of Crawford, Missaukee, Roscommon and Wexford counties. For more information on the Lawn *A* Syst home assessment, or to schedule an appointment, call Andy Vokes at the Missaukee Conservation District at 231-839-7193.

Vikings fall 1-0 in Grayling Invitational championship game

■ **Baseball team defeats Mio 12-0 to advance to Saturday's title match**

The GHS varsity baseball squad defeated the Mio Thunderbolts 12-0 to advance to the championship game of Saturday's Grayling Invitational tournament, but the Vikings lost to the Harrison Hornets 1-0 in the finals.

Rocky McNamara was 2 for 3 with three RBIs vs. Mio. Geo Bindschatel was 3 for 3 with two RBIs.

In the championship contest, Eric Ferrigan, Rich Schreiber, and McNamara had hits for the Vikings.

On Thursday night, the Vikings defeated the Lincoln-Alcona Tigers 17-6 at Alcona. The second match of the series didn't go enough innings to count as an official game.

Spencer Dean, Schreiber, and Josh Stapleton pitched for Grayling vs. Alcona. Schreiber struck out nine batters in just over three innings of work.

Leading hitters for Grayling included: Andy Hulbert, 1 for 3, 1 RBI, 2 runs scored, 1 stolen base; Stapleton, 1 for 4, 1 RBI, 2 runs scored, 2 stolen bases; Ethan Neuberger, 1 for 3, 1 double, 2 runs scored; Schreiber, 2 for 4, 1 double, 2 RBIs, 1 run scored; Ferrigan, 2 for 3, 2 doubles, 2 runs scored, 1 stolen base.

Continued on Page 3B
See "VIKINGS FALL..."



Photo by Caleb Casey

Taylor Desenfants pitches for Grayling during Saturday's tournament championship game against the Harrison Hornets.

Softball team wins two games at Lincoln-Alcona

■ **Vikings defeat Mio 17-4 to advance to championship game of Grayling Invitational**

Grayling High School's varsity softball team finished second in Saturday's four-team Grayling Invitational tournament. The Vikings defeated Mio 17-4 in the first round, but lost to Gladwin 11-1 in the tournament's champi-

onship game.

Joni Bindschatel was the winning pitcher for Grayling in the game vs. Mio. She scattered four hits and three earned runs and finished with four strikeouts.

Leading hitters for the Vikings were: Alyssa Lewis, 2 for 2, 2 doubles, 3 runs, 2 stolen bases; Rachel Ward, 3 for 3, 3 singles, 2 RBIs, 2 runs, 2 stolen bases; Cayla Johnson, 2 for 3, 2 singles,

1 run, 1 stolen base, 1 RBI; Bindschatel, 1 for 1, 1 single, 3 walks; Megan Eitzler, 2 for 4, 1 triple, 1 single, 2 runs, 1 RBI; Kirstie Wakeley, 1 for 2, 1 triple, 1 walk, 1 sacrifice, 2 RBIs, 2 runs scored; Monica Peters, 1 for 2, 1 single, 2 walks, 1 run scored; Kelsey Neuberger, 2 for 4, 1 single, 1 triple, 2 runs scored.

Continued on Page 10B
See "SOFTBALL TEAM..."



Photo by Caleb Casey

Joni Bindschatel pitches against Gladwin during Saturday's Grayling Invitational championship game.

Girls track team wins five events at league meet

■ **Vikings win three events at East Jordan Invitational meet on Thursday**

In a three-team Lake Michigan Conference track and field meet at Kalkaska last Monday, Grayling High School's girls track squad won five events and placed second in total points as a group.

Traverse City St. Francis took first place overall with a team score of 53. Grayling had 48 team points, and Kalkaska finished with 44 points.

Rachel Ward won the high jump event with a leap of 4'11". Haley Wiseman took third in the high jump (4'6"). Ward also won the 400-meter dash (1:04.28). Richelle Grosskopf finished fourth in the 400-meter dash (1:14.65).

Laura Boylan finished fourth in both throwing events. She posted a throw of 26'8.5" in the shot put and a throw of 69'4.5" in the discus.

Jamie Hagerman took third in the long jump (14'1.5"). Wiseman finished fourth in the 100-meter hurdles (0:21.66).

Hailey McMahon and Brianna Kirk took first and second, respectively, in the 100-meter dash (0:13.91, 0:14.28).

Rachel Doremire finished second in both the 800-meter run (3:08.81) and 1600-meter run (6:50.15).

Continued on Page 2B
See "GIRLS TRACK..."



Photos by Caleb Casey

Heaven Bergman, left, throws the shot put for GHS at East Jordan on Thursday. Brianna Kirk, right, runs in the 100-meter dash.

We Cater To COWARDS




New Patients Are Always Welcome
John P. Marconiti
D.D.S., P.C.
 General Dentistry
 Office Hours By Appointment
 Monday through Thursday
(989) 786-2104
 P.O. Box 170, Bay Street, Lewiston, MI 49756

J & G ENTERPRISES

Tree Removal & Trimming
Brush Chipping & Stump Grinding
Aerial Work With Bucket Truck

7990 W. 5 Mile Rd.
 Grayling, MI 49738
(989) 348-1391
 Cell 989-619-6242
 Jay Mathews Owner

Roscommon Cinema
Now Showing



CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: PRINCE CASPIAN
 (PG)
 SUNDAY - FRIDAY 7PM
 SATURDAY 4 & 7PM
 All seats \$3.00 for all shows. All Mothers receive FREE small popcorn
 200 N. Main Roscommon
 Off Exit 244
 989-275-5959
 WWW.ROSCOMOVIES.COM

Girls track team wins five events at league meet

Continued from Page 1B

Kirk and Hagerman finished third and fourth, respectively, in the 200-meter dash (0:28.95, 0:29.01).

Grayling won the 400-meter and 800-meter relay races.

"This was the girls' best performance of the year," Coach Tim Gariglio said. "We still have some improvements to make before regionals. The times are not where we need to be if we want to be competitive at regionals. We have one week left before regionals, and I know they will get there."

On Thursday, the Vikings competed in the East Jordan Invitational.

Grayling won two relay events. The 400-meter relay squad - Annie Melroy, Ward, McMahon, and Kirk - finished first with a time of 0:54.40. The 800-meter relay team - Melroy, Kirk, Ward, and McMahon - posted a winning time of 1:51.

Ward took seventh place in the high jump (4'9").

Boylan finished eighth in the discus event with a throw of 72'11". She took 12th in the shot put with a throw of 26'0".

McMahon won the 100-meter dash (0:13.25) and took second in the 200-meter dash (0:27.5). Kirk finished third in the 100-meter dash (0:13.86).

Doremire placed 15th in the 1600-meter run (6:40).

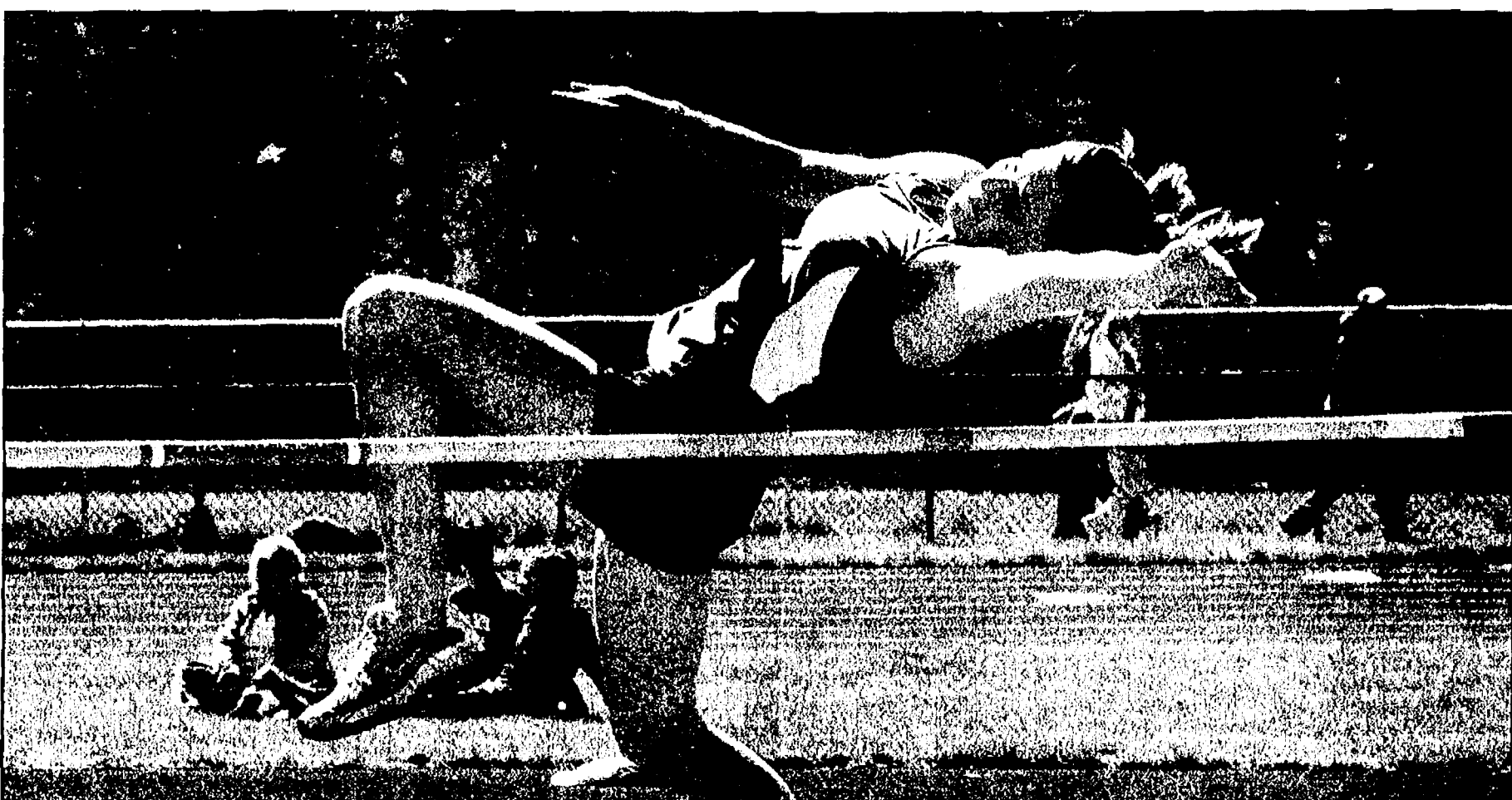
"The girls had a lot of personal records today, and their time in the 800-meter relay is a state qualifying time. We are one week away from regionals and we have a few injuries we need to take care of. Hopefully, everyone will be 100 percent healthy for regionals," Coach Gariglio said.

The Vikings will compete in regionals on Saturday, May 17, at Benzie Central.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Hailey McMahon, left, runs in the 100-meter dash on Thursday at East Jordan. Laura Boylan, right, throws the shot put for Grayling during the East Jordan Invitational.



Rachel Ward competes in the high jump event at last week's East Jordan Invitational.

Boys track squad wins eight of 17 events on Monday

The Grayling High School boys track squad won eight out of 17 events at last Monday's three-team league meet vs. Kalkaska and Traverse City St. Francis at Kalkaska.

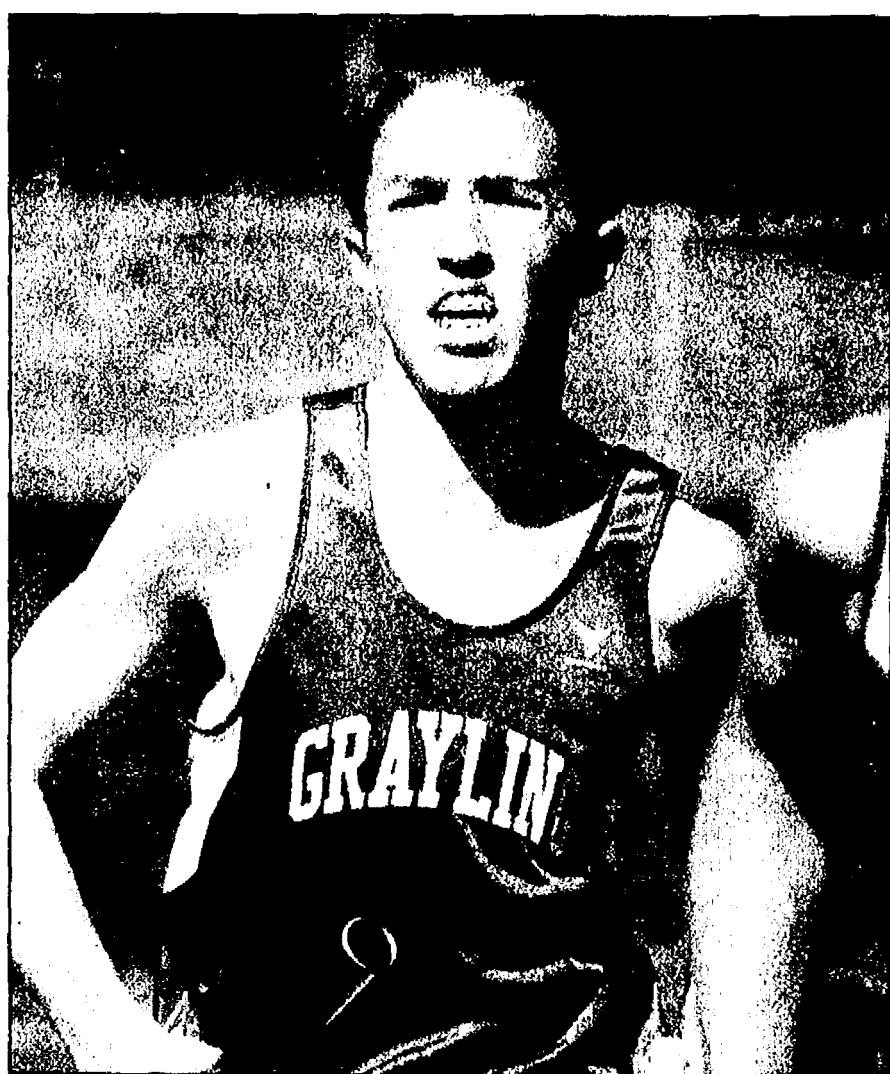
Isaac VanNuck won the high jump (5'11") and the long jump (19'10.5").

Matt Letts finished second in the shot put (40'10") and fourth in discus (121'10").

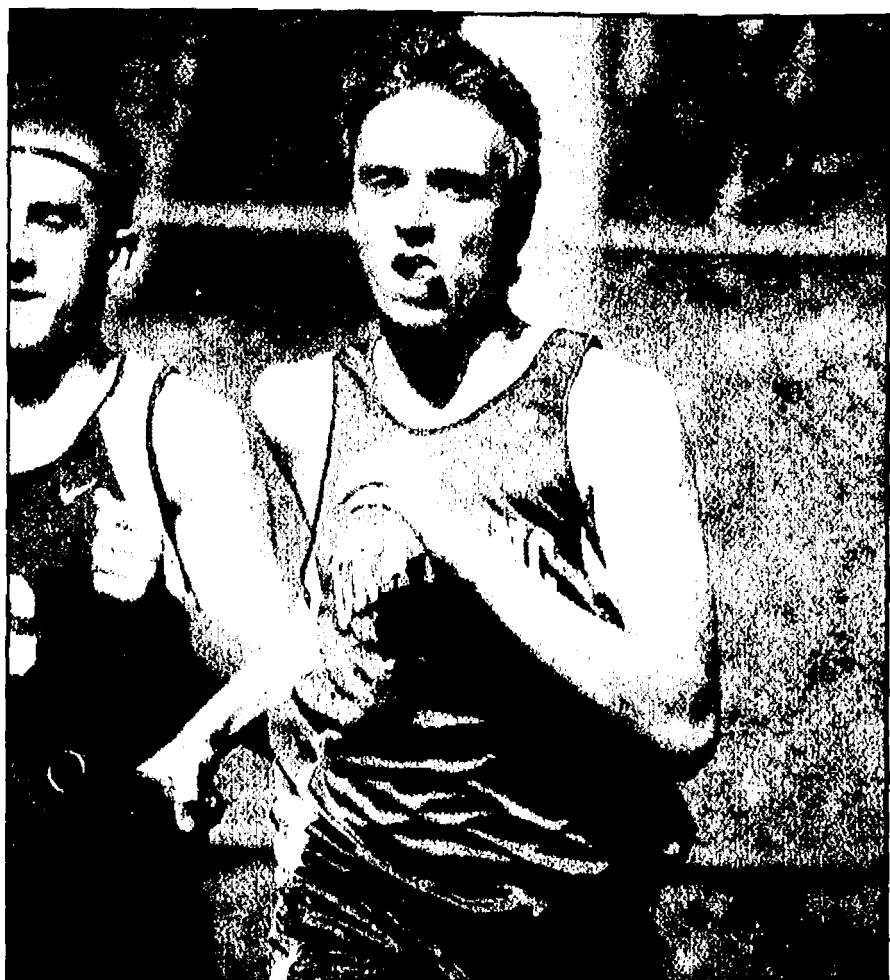
Jason Drudge and Colin Hamlin finished first and third, respectively, in the 1600-meter run (4:42.15, 5:12.66). Drudge and Hamlin finished first and second, respectively, in the 800-meter run (2:06.53, 2:15.87). Will Fowler took second in the 3200-meter run (12:47.17).

The Vikings also won four relay events (400-meter, 800-meter, 1600-meter, and 3200-meter).

Grayling will compete in its regional meet on Saturday, May 17, at Benzie Central.



Colin Hamlin carries the baton for Grayling during a relay race at last Thursday's East Jordan Invitational.



Max Kluge runs in a relay race for the Vikings.

Wendy's

Viking of the Week



Girls Track
 Coach: Tim Gariglio
RACHEL WARD

Rachel placed 1st in three events - the 400-meter dash, high jump, and 800-meter relay - at last Monday's league meet at Kalkaska. She also placed 1st in the 400-meter and 800-meter relay events at the East Jordan Invitational on Thursday.

Spotlight Your Graduate!

Put your favorite graduate in the spotlight by reserving space in the special graduation section for the Grayling High School Class of 2008


This pull-out keepsake section will feature the Class of 2008 with individual photos and the plans of each graduating senior, plus, photos and articles relating to the class activities and accomplishments.

These pages will be published in the June 1st edition of the Avalanche.

Deadline to have your graduation greeting included in this section is Thursday, May 22, 2008.

Hurry space is limited!


These ARE the Good Old Days



MAY YOU ALWAYS BE THIS HAPPY. GOOD LUCK IN ALL THAT YOU DO

CONGRATULATIONS
J.C. Schnöder, Andrew Woolsey, Bill Stewart
Joe Ferrigan & Kevin Elkins!
 Love, Joe & Pam Ferrigan and John & Kelly Schnöder

PEACE OUT! CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATE



LOVE, GRANDPA AND GRANDMA

CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE

2x3 Actual Size \$42 with Photo

1x3 Actual Size \$21 with Photo



Photos by Caleb Casey

Eric Ferrigan, left, reaches third base during Saturday's tournament game against the Harrison Hornets. Rich Schreiber, right, throws a pitch against Harrison during Saturday's Grayling Invitational.

Vikings fall 1-0 in Grayling Invitational championship game

Continued from Page 1B

base; Jake Aubry, 3 walks, 3 runs scored; McNamara, 2 for 3, 1 home run, 3 RBIs, 2 runs scored, 1 stolen base; Taylor Desenfants, 1 for 3, 2 RBIs, 1 run scored, 1 stolen base.

On Tuesday, the Vikings split a league series with the Charlevoix Rayders. Charlevoix won game one 2-1, and Grayling took game two 10-1. The doubleheader was played at Charlevoix.

The two teams combined for five hits in the first game of the series. Schreiber was 1 for 3 with one RBI for GHS, and McNamara had Grayling's only other hit.

Schreiber scattered three hits, one walk, and one earned run for the Vikings on the mound. He

finished with five strikeouts in five innings of work.

Grayling had 10 hits to Charlevoix's three in game two.

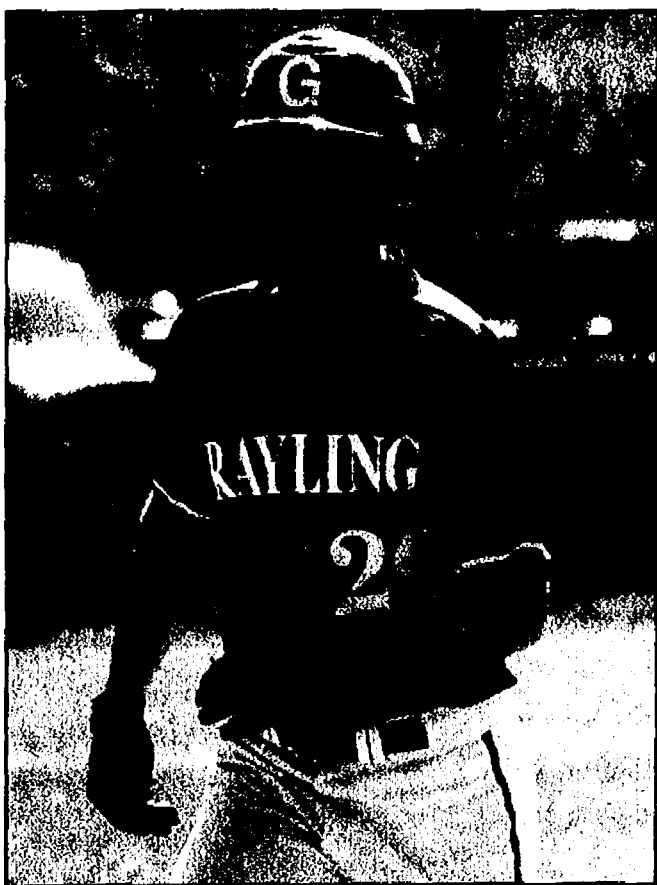
Desenfants pitched a complete game for Grayling, allowing three hits, one walk, and one earned run in six innings.

Grayling's leading hitters were: Hulbert, 1 for 3, 1 run scored; Stapleton, 2 for 4, 1 double, 2 RBIs, 3 runs scored, 2 stolen bases; Bindschatel, 1 for 4; Schreiber, 2 for 4, 1 double, 4 RBIs; Ferrigan, 3 for 4, 2 RBIs, 1 run scored; Aubry, 3 walks, 2 runs scored; Desenfants, 1 for 2, 1 RBI, 2 walks.

The Vikings (12-7 overall, 8-4 conference) will host the Houghton Lake Bobcats at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 16.



Rocky McNamara puts the ball in play vs. Harrison on Saturday.



Peter Alexander, left, runs from second base to third base during Saturday's victory vs. the Mio Thunderbolts. Sean Hernandez, right, bats against Mio.



Andy Hulbert, left, bats against Harrison during the Grayling Invitational. Second baseman Jimmy Osga, right, catches a fly ball vs. the Hornets on Saturday.



Golf squad competes in three meets

by Eric Rutter
Special Writer

On May 7, the Grayling High School boys golf team participated in the Charlevoix Invitational, a 13-team meet, placing seventh overall with a score of 357. Traverse City St. Francis took first with a score of 321.

Rocky McNamara shot an 81 over 18 holes, which earned a medal for the eighth best individual score of the day. Jason Wilson shot an 86, Taylor Desenfants 87, Jon Lovely 103,

and Dakota Peterson 107.

"Rocky was solid while battling some brutal conditions," said Coach Mark Rutter. "Taking eighth out of a field of 78 says a lot about his ability."

One day later, GHS traveled to Ogemaw to compete in an 18-hole invitational. Grayling shot a 389 and finished in the middle of the pack for the day.

Scores for the Vikings were as follows: Wilson (91), Jordan Helsel (98), Lovely (98), and Trent Larm (102).

The Grayling Vikings competed in a 14-team invitational at Gladwin on Saturday. Grayling could not post an official team score due to a lack of golfers. Bay City Western took a win by shooting 295 over 18 holes.

Grayling's scores included: Lovely (91), Doug Gothro (95), and Josh Johnson (99).

Grayling will be participating in the Lake Michigan Conference championship meet at Antrim Dells in Elk Rapids on Friday.

CLIP COUPON

Spring Special

\$10 OFF GROOMING

ANTLER CREEK KENNELS

PET BOARDING

and Grooming

Scott & Nancy Asmahl
1650 Ryno Rd (M-72)
Luzerne, MI 49836
989-826-8837

• NEW FACILITY • DOGS WALKED DAILY
• IN FLOOR HEATING • MULTIPLE DOG DISCOUNTS
• INDOOR/OUTDOOR RUNS "X" • PICK-UP AVAILABLE
• COMPLETELY COVERED • CATS WELCOME TOO!

This ad good through June 30th, 2008

CLIP COUPON

NORTHROP

TREE & CRANE SERVICE

Tree Trimming, removal, stump grinding, lot clearing, and complete debris removal. Parking lot lights, antennas, signs, rooftop bucket truck rental with operator.

Roll-off container rental. 10, 15 and 20 yard containers. Use at construction sites. Big clean up projects.

Crane rental with operator. 15 ton capacity with 100 foot boom. Truss, beams. Rooftop heating & cooling units.

Commercial or Residential use. Light to heavy duty, lift up to 5,800lbs. Grapple large stumps, concrete, steel. Heavy debris and building demolition. Forklift, drywall or rooftop shingle delivery.

989-344-9197

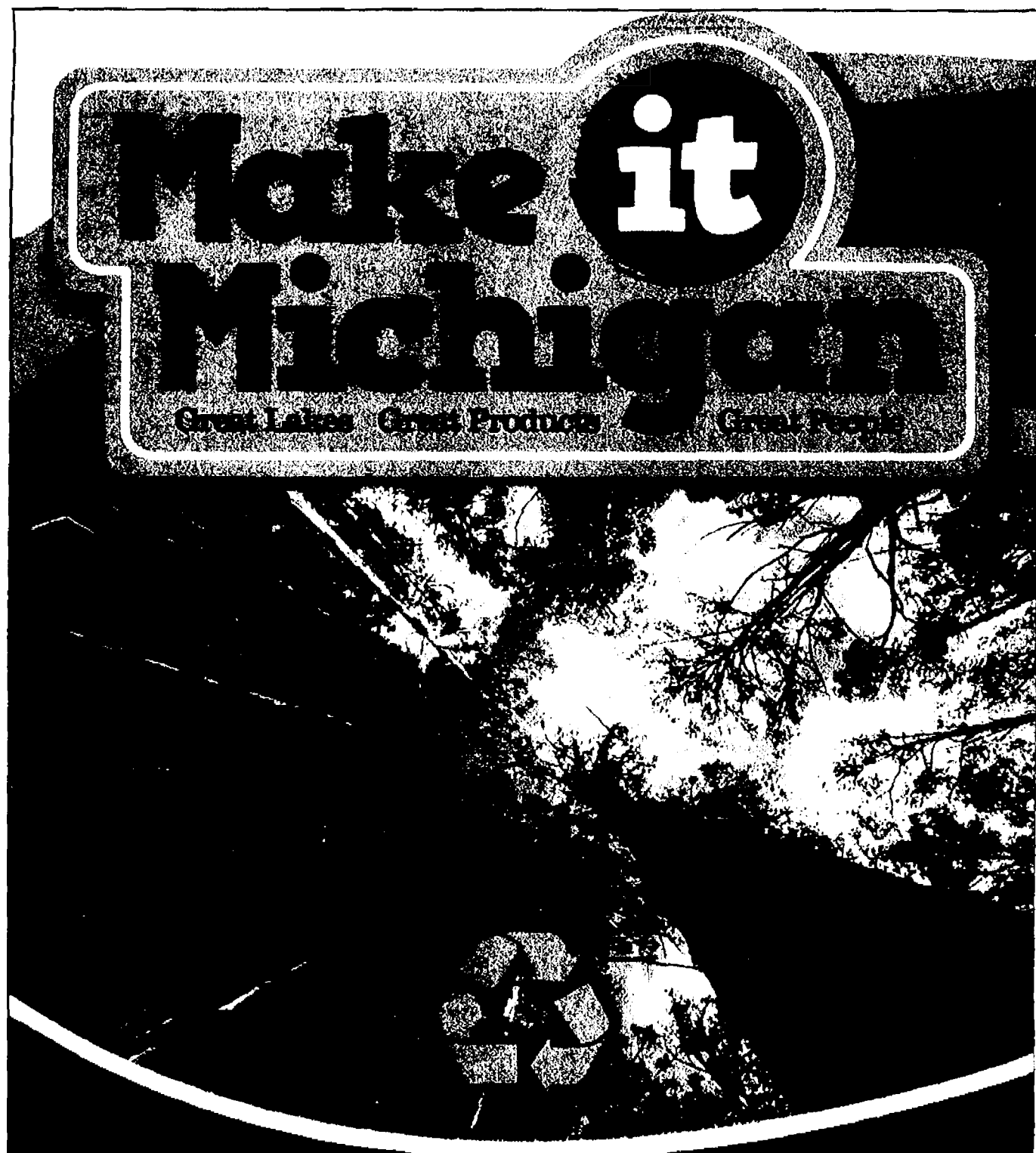
Jerry Northrop Fully Insured
561 Killeen Trail, Grayling, MI 49738

Bumper To Bumper Coverage

We take the headache out of everything from minor fender benders to major damage.

JANSEN
AGENCY & ASSOC., INC.

PO Box 472, 2376 S. I-75 Bus. Loop, Grayling, MI - 49738



Michigan companies are focused on protecting the environment and going green. From Lansing-based Granger with state-of-the-art landfill gas renewable energy technology to Recycling Concepts of West Michigan Inc., which was named a Michigan Clean Corporate Citizen.

Keep it green and Make it Michigan.

Great Lakes. Great Products & Great People

Grow your business!

MPA
MICHIGAN PRESS ASSOCIATION
MichiganPress.org
Michigan's Small Business Advocate
800.946.6829

Make it Michigan is sponsored by:

CRAWFORD COUNTY
AVALANCHE
Publishing Crawford County's Weekly Newspapers Since 1879

learn more at michiganpress.org

Your Michigan home needs Michigan protection...



Herb Olson

204 Ionia
Grayling
348-9456
www.HerbOlson.com

Thanks for making your home in our community. As Michigan's insurance company, we know Michigan homes and the hazards they face. We also know the kinds of discounts that help you save a lot of money on your home insurance. Call today.



NEED RUBBER STAMPS?

Come see us at

CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE

102 Michigan Ave. • Grayling • (989) 348-6811

FREE GOLF

When you purchase the 2008 Golden Passbook to Michigan Golf for \$550 you receive twosomes & foursomes to 62 golf courses around the state worth **\$10,000 in golf, carts & lodging.**

Call us at **800-860-8575** or visit our website at www.mgcoa.org for more info.

Upper Lakes Tire

2500

Alignments * Brakes * Computer Balancing * Custom Wheels * Tires
Shock/Struts * Tire Repair * Rotations * Front End Repair

701 Huron St. Grayling, MI 49738 • (989) 348-2887
M-F 8:00 - 5:30 Sat 8:00 - 12:00

BRIDGESTONE
Firestone
Fuzion DAYTON

VISA
MasterCard
Discover

LEGAL ACTION

MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED

WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE—Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by RICKY A. REED, a/k/a RICKY ARLEE REED, a single man, Mortgagor, to FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF AMERICA, Mortgagee, dated August 9, 2005, and recorded August 10, 2005, in Liber 676, Page 688, of Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this notice the sum of Twenty Six Thousand One Hundred Fifty and 83/100 Dollars (\$26,150.83), including interest at 13.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction to the highest bidder, on Wednesday, May 21, 2008, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the front door to the County Bldg in Grayling, MI.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 161, Grayling Mobile Estates No. 4, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 37, Crawford County Records, including all improvements attached thereto.

Commonly known as 401 Alexia Lane, Grayling, MI 49738
Tax ID: 20-040-45-283-00-161-00

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of the sale, unless the premises are determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.324(1a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days.

Dated: April 9, 2008

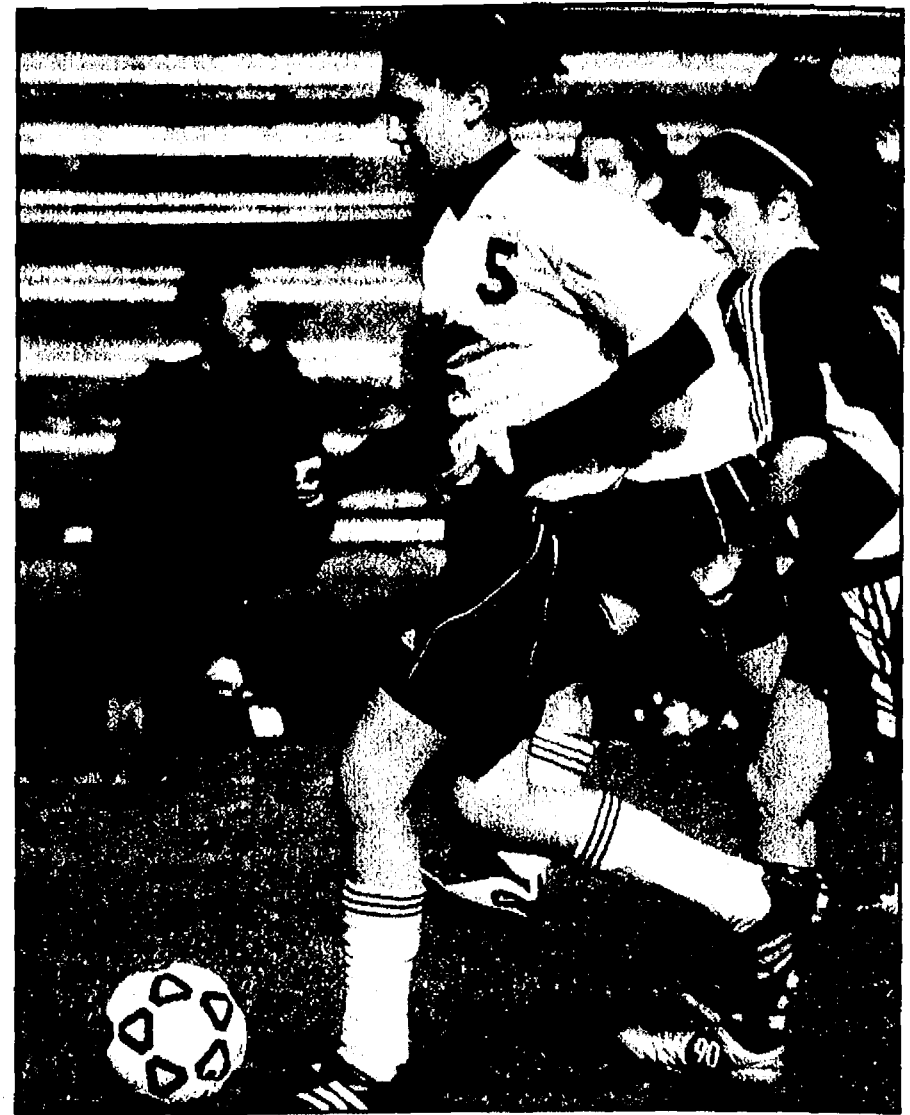
First National Bank of America
Mortgagee
By: Randall T. LeVasseur P41712
LeVasseur Dyer & Associates, PC
Attorneys for Mortgagee
P.O. Box 721400
Berkley, MI 48072
(248) 586-1200

-17-24-1-8-15

Soccer team falls to Boyne City, 3-0



Iva Haven, left, kicks the ball for the Vikings during last Monday's varsity girls soccer game vs. the Boyne City Ramblers at GHS. Makinzie Nena, right, controls the ball for Grayling on Monday night. Boyne City won 3-0.



GRAYLING LITTLE LEAGUE

Grayling Little League's junior league baseball team (ages 13-14) opened its 2008 season with a 21-8 victory at Roscommon last Wednesday.

Grayling scored 13 runs in the first inning, including a home run by Stephen Enos.

Riley Zigila, Enos, Kevin Harris, and Thomas Burrell all

pitched for Grayling.

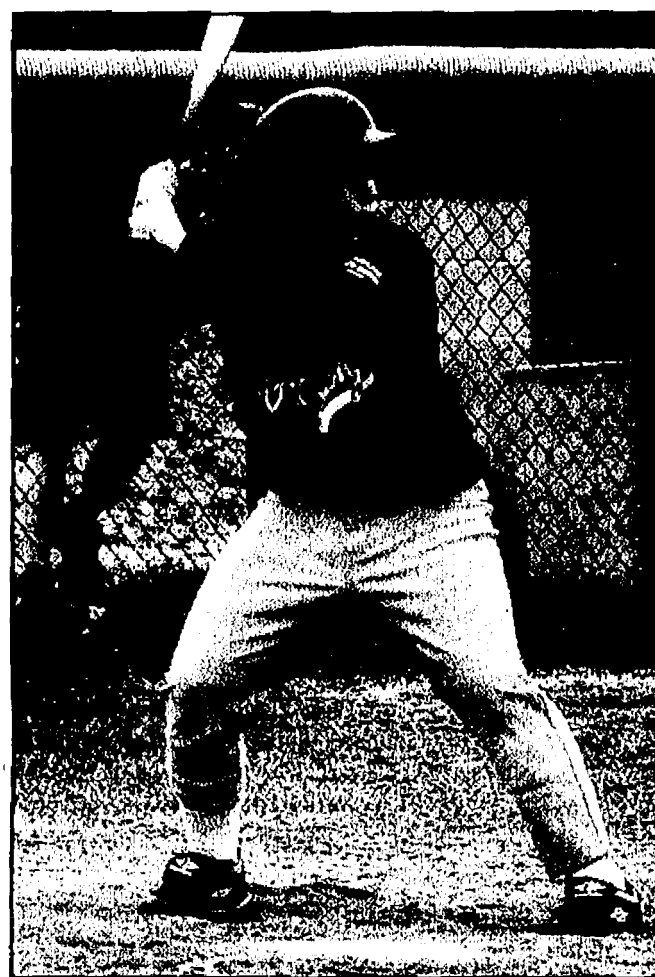
On offense, leading hitters for Grayling were: David Bergan (3 for 3), Harris (3 for 3), and Zane

Tobin (3 for 4).

On defense, Dylan Pahssen had a two-out catch in right field with the bases loaded to end the

second inning.

Grayling will play a double-header at East Jordan on Saturday, May 17.



Photos courtesy of Grayling Little League

Camren Wilson, left, bats against Roscommon. Kevin Harris, right, pitches in relief during last week's game at Roscommon.

GRAYLING COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

by Donna Thomson

Wednesday Ladies League

The Wednesday Ladies League held their organizational meeting on May 7, at 9 a.m. About 20 ladies were in attendance.

President Nancy Glasslee welcomed all and then introduced her board for this year, plus the golf committee. Evie Kent graciously volunteered to accept the position on the board left vacant this year by Mo McNamara, who is unable to

play. We know that she will be back in full "swing" next year.

Nancy informed us that we have quite a few new members who will be joining us again this year. It is always great and I look forward to meeting them.

A tentative date of June 18 has been set for the "Rally for a Cure" day. We will know more on that later. It is always a great and special day.

It was also decided to again have the Member-Guest Day, as last year's was a success.

Discussion was also held on whether to continue with the "white elephant" raffle, and we all agreed that it should be dropped. We will consider other means to add to our "coffers."

Well friends, it's great to be writing for you again this year and I hope that the rainy and drizzly day that we had today is not a sign of what's ahead for the season. Right now though, it is needed to "green" up our course.

That's all "fore" now.

HONORS (SPORTS)

Local fighter Dave Shepherd recently won a title in the 155-

pound weight class in full contact elite cage fighting at a tour-

namment held in Indianapolis. Shepherd, who now has a record of 7-0, has won two titles in the last 30 days.

Man Pedals Nine Hours For Charity Wearing White Pumps

BEXAR COUNTY - According to local officials, after using Thera-Gesic® on his sore back, Tow W. took only two breaks, while pedaling a small bike nine hours in white pumps, all for charity. When asked what charity, he painlessly replied: "None of your dang business!"

THERA-GESIC Go painlessly with Thera-Gesic®



KIDNEY FAILURE LINKED TO DRUG USED DURING SURGERY

Trasylol®, a drug used to control bleeding during surgery, has been linked to kidney failure, dialysis and death. If you or a loved one had surgery and then developed kidney failure, call us now at 1-800-THE-EAGLE for a free consultation. We practice law only in Arizona, but associate with lawyers throughout the country.

GOLDBERG & OSBORNE
1-800-THE-EAGLE
(1-800-643-3245)
www.1800theeagle.com



Dave Shepherd

LEGAL ACTION

MORTGAGE SALE

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY (248) 362-6100 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Gerald A. Balmes and Vivian D. Balmes of Crawford County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Fifth Third Bank successor in interest to Old Kent Bank dated the 6th day of October, A.D. 2000, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 12th day of October, A.D. 2000, Liber 520 Page 345 of Crawford Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$25,102.62 (twenty-five thousand one hundred two and 62/100) plus accrued interest at 10.350% (ten point three five) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 28th day of May, A.D., 2008, at 10:00:00 AM o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg in Grayling, MI, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Beaver Creek, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit:

Township of Beaver Creek, County of Crawford, Michigan:

PARCEL 30: A parcel of land being part of the East 1/2 of Section 8, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, described as: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 8, thence North 89 degrees 48 minutes 29 seconds West, 299.59 feet; thence South 80 degrees 52 minutes 01 seconds West, 203.78 feet; thence North 89 degrees 48 minutes 29 seconds West, 202.85 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 89 degrees 48 minutes 29 seconds West, 200.00 feet; thence North 01 degrees 12 minutes 41 seconds East, 310.25 feet; thence North 81 degrees 17 minutes 42 seconds East, 203.00 feet; thence South 01 degrees 12 minutes 41 seconds West, 341.65 feet to the point of beginning.

Commonly known as: Lot 30 Balmes Trail
PPN: 050-008-013-020-30

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 1, 2008

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.

By: Michael I. Rich (P-41938)
Attorney for Plaintiff
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
2155 Butterfield Drive Suite 200-S
Troy, MI 48064
WWR# 10012323

-1-8-15-22-29

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE BY ADVERTISEMENT OF ABANDONED PROPERTY PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3241(a)

THE PREPARER OF THIS NOTICE IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Kenneth J. Ross and Laura Ann Ross, husband and wife, of 11685 N.E. 223rd Place, Ft. McCoy, FL 32134, Mortgagors, to Firstbank West Branch,

Mortgagee, dated October 28, 1996, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on February 25, 1997, at Liber 425 Pages 534-539, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due hereof the sum of Forty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Eight and 12/100 (\$45,848.12) Dollars including interest at 7.75% percent per annum

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the mortgage; Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan; NOTICE is hereby given that on Wednesday, June 4, 2008, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, in the main entrance of the County Courthouse in Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, of that premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due in principal and interest on the mortgage and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the Mortgagee to protect its interest in the mortgaged premises described as follows.

A part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 32, T25N, R2W, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, commencing at the Northwest corner of same and running thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes East on the Section line 624.0 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 89 degrees 24 minutes East 294.0 feet; thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes East 150.0 feet; thence North 89 degrees 24 minutes West 294.0 feet; thence North 0 degrees 03 minutes West 150.0 feet to the point of beginning.

Street Address: 11655 Steckert Bridge Road, Roscommon

The redemption period pursuant to MCL 600.3241(a) shall be thirty days (30) from the date of the sale. During the thirty (30) days immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, unless the mortgagor or anyone claiming under the mortgagor shall comply with the provisions of 1948 MCL 600.3241a (c), in which case the property may be redeemed during the six (6) months immediately following the sale. The property may be redeemed by paying the amount of the bid at the foreclosure sale plus interest, any unpaid encumbrances on the property, and any advances paid by the Mortgagee. For additional information, contact Danny Gallagher, Firstbank West Branch, of 502 W. Houghton Ave., PO Box 335, West Branch, Michigan 48661, or the preparer of this Notice.

Dated: April 4, 2008
JUAREZ & JUAREZ, PC
Attorneys for Mortgagee
132 South Eighth
West Branch, MI 48661
(989) 345-0601

-24-1-8-15

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jack Vaughn and Dorothy Vaughn, husband and wife as joint tenants, original mortgagor(s), to Arbor Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated June 17, 2005, and recorded on June 24, 2005 in Liber 676 on Page 52, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eleven Thousand Nine Hundred Sixteen And 69/100 Dollars (\$111,916.69), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the

place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 28, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 1: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 11, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section; thence South 0 degrees 29 minutes 40 seconds West along the West line of said Section 2325.15 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 89 degrees 51 minutes 40 seconds East 901.81 feet; thence South 10 degrees 38 East 229 feet; thence North 89 degrees 51 minutes 40 seconds West 946.04 feet to the West line of said Section; thence North 0 degrees 29 minutes 40 seconds East 225 feet to the Point of Beginning, this parcel runs to the centerline of Kolka Creek.

Parcel 2: That part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 11, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, described as: commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 11; thence South 00 degrees 25 minutes 39 seconds West, along the West line of said Section 2549.93 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 51seconds East 872.32 feet; thence South 09 degrees 56 minutes 07 seconds East 114.45 feet; thence North 89 degrees 54 minutes 54 seconds West, 892.91 feet to the West line of said Section 11; thence North 00 degrees 25 minutes 37 seconds East along the West line 112.21 feet to the Point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 24, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC X 248.593.1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #198807F01

-24-1-8-15

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Frank A. Antonini, Jr. and Sandra L. Antonini, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated August 24, 2006, and recorded on September 7, 2006 in Liber 682 on Page 991, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Forty And 54/100 Dollars (\$353,940.54), including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 28, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel A: Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 19, Town 28 North, Range 1 West, thence North 1 degrees 06 minutes West 1781.73 feet along Section line; thence North 53 degrees 31 minutes East 134.1 feet; thence South 25 degrees 40 minutes East 25.00 feet along center of Twin Bridge Road to the point of Beginning; thence North 53 degrees 31 minutes East 785.75 feet, thence South 27 degrees 06 minutes 40 seconds West 201.29 feet on Traverse line along the Westerly Bank of the North Branch of the AuSable River, thence South 20 degrees 45 minutes 01 seconds West 120.25 feet along said traverse line; thence South 51 degrees 39 minutes 30 seconds West 537.50 feet, thence North 25 degrees 40 minutes West 175.0 feet along center of Twin Bridge Road to the

point of beginning. Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 19, Town 28 North, Range 1 West, Lovells Township, Crawford County, Michigan. Lot Lines extend to the Waters Edge.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 24, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC D 248.593.1309
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #187200F03

-24-1-8-15

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Victor D. King and Althea J. King, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 25, 2007, and recorded on May 1, 2007 in Liber 686 on Page 729, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-One Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Seven And 66/100 Dollars (\$61,337.66), including interest at 7.642% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on June 11, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 9, Millikin's North River Subdivision, Grayling Township, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 26, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 8, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC F 248.593.1313
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #201283F01

-8-15-22-29

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John W. Dankert and Julie E. Dankert, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated February 18, 2005, and recorded on March 4, 2005 in Liber 674 on Page 37, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC

as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Eight And 14/100 Dollars (\$100,178.14), including interest at 5.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on June 18, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 186, Indian Glens of the Ausable, Unit 2, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 12, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 15, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC S 248.593.1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #129540F04

-15-22-29-5

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John Anderson and Calley Anderson, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 20, 2006, and recorded on June 27, 2006 in Liber 682 on Page 136, and assigned by said Mortgagee to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for Morgan Stanley Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-12XS as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records,

Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Eighteen Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Seven And 30/100 Dollars (\$218,457.30), including interest at 8% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on June 18, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel A: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 1, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point which is South 88 degrees 25 minutes 00 seconds East along the North line of said Section 1, 446.37 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 1; thence continuing South 88 degrees 25 minutes 00 seconds East along said North line, 184.46 feet; thence South 14 degrees 33 minutes 50 seconds West, 180.70 feet; thence South 28 degrees 07 minutes 16 seconds West, 257.08 feet to a traverse along the Easterly bank of the AuSable River; thence along said traverse the following three courses: (1) North 48 degrees 36 minutes 50 seconds West 116.75 feet (2) North 13 degrees 53 minutes 37 seconds West, 51.47 feet; thence North 16 degrees 22 minutes 51 seconds East, 291.40 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Description to include lands lying between said traverse line and the edge of water of the AuSable River between the Westerly extensions of the Northerly and Southerly lines as described herein. Land subject to the Northerly portion thereof as Pollack Bridge Road and any easements, restrictions, or rights of way of record

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 15, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC D 248.593.1309
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #146678F02

-15-22-29-5

ATTENTION CITY OF GRAYLING RESIDENTS NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 27, 2008 at the Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Grayling City Hall, for the purpose of discussing adoption of the 2008-2009 Budget. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection in the Clerk's Office at 1020 City Boulevard.

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

Public comments, either oral or written, are welcome at the Public Hearing. Handicapped persons needing assistance or aid should contact the City Offices during regular working hours forty-eight hours prior to the meeting.

Michele A. Moshier
City Clerk

Crawford County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes are now available on the county website: www.crawfordco.org eight days following the scheduled board meeting or may be obtained at the County Clerk's office for six (6) cents per page.

**Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds
October 11, 2002**

COUNTY OF CRAWFORD AND CITY OF GRAYLING RECREATION PLAN PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Crawford County and City of Grayling residents are invited to attend a public input session for the Crawford County and City of Grayling Recreation Plans. Discussion will take place at the Grayling High School cafeteria from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 29, 2008 and will be facilitated by the North East Michigan Council of Government (NEMCOG). Comments relative to items for inclusion in the Crawford County and City of Grayling Recreation Plans will be collected at the input session. Recreation experts and information on current recreation assets will be available at the session. Residents and visitors are encouraged to attend.

Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds
Crawford County
May 1, 2008

Michele Moshier
Clerk, City of Grayling

KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Kirtland Community College is accepting proposals from vendors to perform annual maintenance of hand portable fire extinguishers, kitchen hood fire suppression system service, and kitchen hood cleaning services at campus facilities located in Roscommon, MI (6 buildings) and Gaylord, MI (1 building).

Proposals will be received until Thursday, May 22, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. in Kirtland Community College's facilities management office at which time they will be opened and publicly read. Bid documents may be obtained in the facilities management office at 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, MI or by calling 989-275-5000 ext. 263 during regular business hours. The college reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and/or re-bid the project. Proposals must remain firm for a period of 30 days after the official bid opening.

Any questions should be directed to JoAnn Comerford, Director of Facilities Management, at 989-275-5000, ext. 249.

KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Kirtland Community College is accepting proposals from vendors to perform annual inspection, testing and cleaning of fire alarm system panels and devices at campus facilities located in Roscommon, MI (6 buildings) and Gaylord, MI (1 building).

Proposals will be received until Thursday, May 22, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. in Kirtland Community College's facilities management office at which time they will be opened and publicly read. Bid documents may be obtained in the facilities management office at 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, MI or by calling 989-275-5000 ext. 263 during regular business hours. The college reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and/or re-bid the project. Proposals must remain firm for a period of 30 days after the official bid opening.

Any questions should be directed to JoAnn Comerford, Director of Facilities Management, at 989-275-5000, ext. 249.

FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



May 16, 1985 - The GHS students performed the musical comedy "Camelot." Jeff McLaughlin kneels over the fallen Dennis Mansfield, as most of the cast of Camelot watches. From the left are Riley McNamara, Diane Walker, Jenny Adkins, Chris Helton, Phyllis Wadsworth, Kris McLaughlin, Todd Moore, Nicki Weaver, Jeff Martinez, Angie Larson, Tim Cook, Allan Morford and Amy Smith.

**23 Years Ago
May 16, 1985**

Crawford County residents will have a chance to select the color of paint for the Grayling railroad depot. Renovating the depot has been a community project led by the Grayling Rotary Club. It seems fitting that the community should have a say in selecting the color of an important downtown building.

A six-person jury, in federal district court in Bay City, found Crawford County sheriff officials did not violate the civil rights of Frederick and Emma Ahrens. The

Ahrens, former Crawford County residents, were seeking \$2 million in damages, claiming they were harassed by sheriff's deputies. After 11 days of trial proceedings, the jury found no cause for action against the defendants.

A Navy ship will be dedicated to the son of a Grayling woman. The PFC Dwayne T. Williams, a U.S. Navy Maritime Prepositioning Ship, will be christened on May 18 at the General Dynamics Quincy, Massachusetts, Shipbuilding Division. The ship is named for

U.S. Marine Corps Medal of Honor winner PFC Dwayne T. Williams, who was killed in Vietnam in 1968 while saving the lives of his fellow patrol members during an ambush. The ship's sponsor will be PFC Williams' mother, Mrs. Howard C. Williams of Grayling.

The Grayling High School Individual Speech Events (Forensics) team ended its 1985 season on an upbeat note, with sophomore Amy Smith winning the fifth place trophy in the State Finals Tournament, in the category of Serious Interpretation.

**46 Years Ago
May 17, 1962**

A Bermuda Hop will be held at the Frederic High School on May 19. Admission is 35¢ for singles and 50¢ for couples. Everyone is welcome.

The GHS golf team lost their match to Clare by a close score of 9-6. Walt Fallon, with a 46-46 for 92, topped his opponent's 49-49 for 98 to pick up three points. Johnny Cook picked up the other three points by topping his opponent 54-53 for 107 to 56-54 for 110. He was trailing after 15 holes, but tied his opponent on the 16th hole, held the tie on the 17th and won on the last hole.

On May 19, the junior class of Grayling High School will present the annual Junior Prom, featuring the Mystics Orchestra of Grayling. The theme will be "Rhapsody in Stardust." Tickets are \$2.50 for couples, \$1.50 for singles and 75¢ for spectators. It will be held from 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.

in the Grayling High School gym. **69 Years Ago
May 18, 1939**

The group of cabins and cottages being built near the AuSable River bridge, on State Street by Mr. Glen Penrod, are fast approaching completion and will be known as Penrod's AuSable Cabins and Cottages.

The Rasmussen Lumber Company is building a large lumber storage shed, which is an addition to their railroad siding warehouse.

Wilhelm Raae has broken ground for a new residence on Michigan Avenue, on the site of the old William Woodfield property.

Helen Cody is the new clerk at the Grayling Bakery.

James Bugby, Fred Bishaw and Wilbur Swanson left last week for Chicago, where they will work on the boats on the lake for the summer.

**92 Years Ago
May 18, 1916**

John Benson has opened his garage, the one recently conducted by the Grayling Machinery Repair Company, and is now ready for business.

Frank Shanahan is assisting in the Lewis Drugstore as a soda dispenser during the absence of Howard Granger, who is taking a week's vacation.

Guy Peterson is the new clerk at the M. Simpson Estate grocery, and Earl Hewitt, who formerly worked there, is now driving dray for the local express company.

PUZZLES

SUDOKU

RULES: Fill all empty squares so that the numbers 1 to 9 appear once in each row, column and 3x3 box.

Puzzle 4 (Easy, difficulty rating 0.34)

			7			5	6	2
				6	4	9		
	1			9		8		3
			8			1	2	
9				2				4
	2	1			9			
6		2		7			1	
		3	5	4				
5	4	9			8			

Generated by <http://www.opensky.ca/~johndch/software/sudoku/gen/> on Tue Mar 25 19:22:07 2008 GMT. Enjoy!

WORD FIND

Aegis	Damosel	Laver	Pitted	Sophy
Aneroid	Dante	Liabe	Puree	Trice
Anomy	Eases	Lusts	Rasta	Trips
Antes	Enchantresses	Mooring	Rejoin	Trite
Ballee	Erase	Nuanced	Risks	Twirp
Beasts	Esters	Oates	Rotted	U-boat
Berne	Esthete	Obscuring	Rubbed	Utter
Buboes	Extol	Parsec	Savor	Wear out
Cassia	Furbish	Paste	Smashed	Widen
Cleans	Gloftal	Pearl	Snipplier	
Curves	Hexose	Phrase	Somber	

A	N	O	M	Y	D	A	N	T	E	E	D	B	N	K
E	S	T	H	E	T	E	A	L	T	E	R	A	S	E
G	X	P	I	A	E	O	B	S	C	U	R	I	N	G
I	O	T	F	T	B	A	A	N	A	R	M	L	I	W
S	I	T	O	U	I	P	A	T	E	V	O	E	P	E
P	E	A	R	L	R	U	B	B	E	D	O	E	P	A
R	E	J	O	I	N	B	M	T	E	S	R	R	I	R
P	B	N	W	P	P	O	I	D	T	R	I	C	E	O
P	U	T	C	A	S	S	I	S	E	A	N	H	R	U
R	B	R	L	R	T	O	U	V	H	S	G	E	W	T
O	O	I	E	S	R	L	A	T	E	T	S	X	I	R
T	E	T	A	E	G	L	O	T	T	A	L	O	D	I
T	S	E	N	C	H	A	N	T	R	E	S	S	E	S
E	B	A	S	S	M	A	S	H	E	D	R	E	N	K
D	A	M	O	S	E	L	P	C	U	R	V	E	S	S

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Sweet Mango Tamales

12 large, dried corn husks, soaked in warm water to soften
2 cups masa harina (corn flour)
1/2 cup softened butter
1/2 cup brown sugar
1 tsp. baking powder

1 1/4 tsp. cinnamon
2 cups mango nectar
2 cups chopped ripe mango (about 2 mangos)
lime wedges (garnish)

Prep Time: 45 Minutes
Cook Time: 1 hour

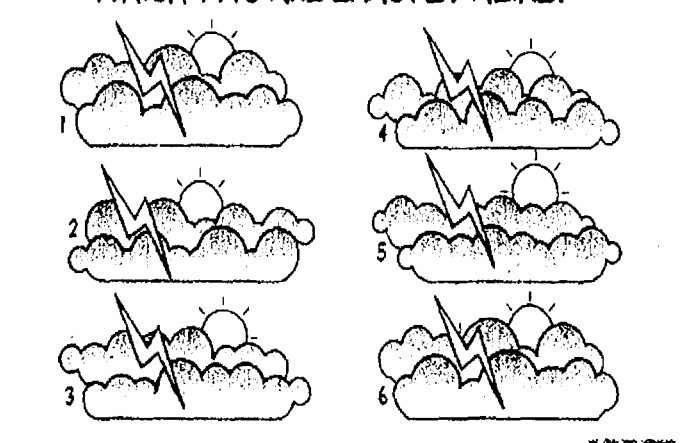
Remove husks from water and pat dry. In a medium bowl, beat together masa, butter, brown sugar, baking powder and cinnamon until fluffy. Beat in nectar until smooth. Spread equal amounts in the center of each corn husk; top with 2 tbsp. chopped mango. Bring in the sides of the corn husks so that the edges of the masa meet, then fold in both ends to enclose filling. Steam for 1 hour, then let cool slightly. Mango Topping: Combine 1/4 cup orange liqueur or orange juice, 1/4 cup brown sugar, 1 tbsp. butter and dash cinnamon in a small saucepan. Cook over medium heat for about 5 minutes or until slightly thickened, stirring frequently. Stir in 2 cups chopped ripe mango (about 2 mangos) and cook for a few minutes more. Serve warm sauce over warm tamales with lime wedges on the side.

Makes 12 Servings

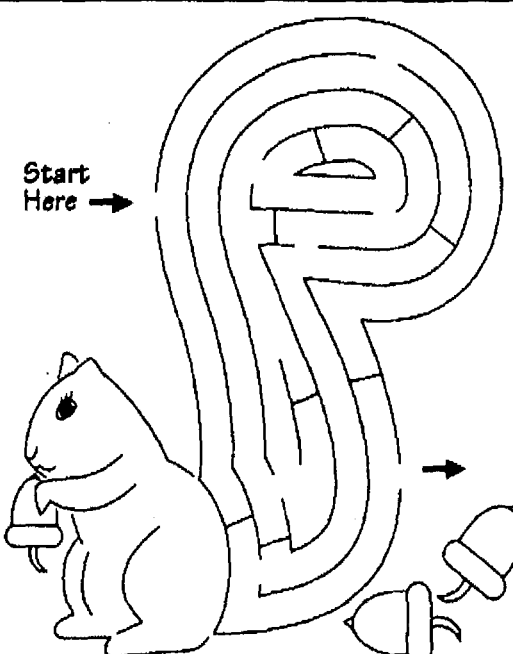
Life Kiddie

FIND THE TWINS

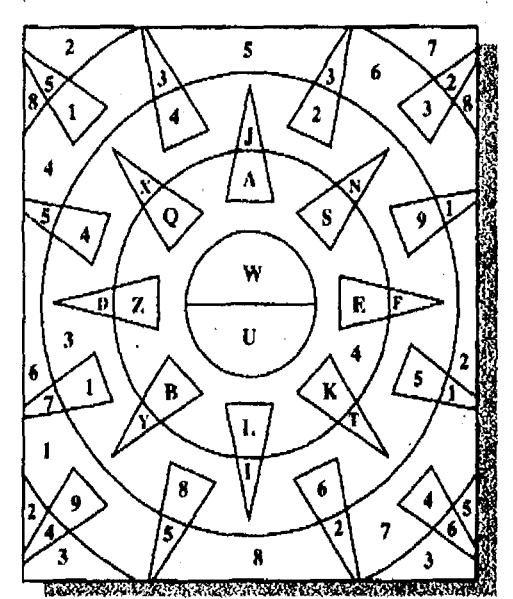
WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



MAZE



HIDDEN PICTURE



Color in each space that contains a letter.

ADOPT A PET



Walter

Walter is a handsome 9 month old Husky. He is a friendly and playful guy in need of a home and some training. He has a lot to learn but is very sweet. This dog is neutered and up to date on his vaccinations.

Halley

Halley is a 2 year old black and white shorthaired cat. She is very small for her age and affectionate. This kitty is spayed and leukemia tested and up to date on her vaccinations.



Please join the shelter staff and animals as they celebrate Adopt-A-Pet day on Saturday April 26th from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.

Visit us at: www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org

AuSable Valley Animal Shelter is located at:

5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling

Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds

Hours: Open 10 to 3 pm Monday thru Saturday, 10 to 12 pm on

Sundays and Holidays

After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

For more pets or more information, visit our website www.ascc.petfinder.com

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week				Extended Forecast					
Date	H	L	Rain Inches	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
5/6	60	32	0						
5/7	68	38	0.07						
5/8	60	36	0.08						
5/9	62	30	0	High 63	High 64	High 62	High 59	High 67	High 65
5/10	62	31	0	Low 37	Low 40	Low 38	Low 41	Low 40	Low 44
5/11	65	36	0	Mostly Cloudy	Few Showers	Showers	Showers	Showers	Scattered Showers
5/12	63	39	0						

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

Crawford County Avalanche

Classifieds must be paid for in advance

Display Advertising Rate - \$8.00 per column inch

Deadline for Display Classifieds - 12 noon, Monday

Classifieds by the word rate - \$6.00 for 15 words or less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing;

www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com

Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday

1. Real Estate

2-3 BEDROOM 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06t/f1)

AUSABLE RIVER 2 bedroom, 1 bath home on 2 1/2 +/- acres, 165' river front, detached garage and 12'x14' storage building. Newly remodeled. Deck only 50' from river. \$129,900. 989-348-3130. (-8-15-22/1)

1. Real Estate

REAL ESTATE Hard working, trustworthy & reliable realtor. Are you buying or selling? Call Charlotte Bloomquist, Century 21, 989-390-1393. (sgf-8-15/1)

RARE HIGGINS LAKE HOME building site 75x100. Lakeside corner of 10656 West Higgins Lake Drive & Goebel Ave. Proximity to lake \$45,000. Land contract with 20% down. 231-779-9980. (-24-1-8-15-22-29/1)

1. Real Estate

RIVERFRONT HOME 3 bedroom, 2 bath with fireplace, great views! Walkout basement has family room/fireplace w/wood insert, 2 bedrooms (office, den?) laundry, storage. 2-car attached. Large pole building. 348-8524. (3/20/08t/f1)

NEWLY CONSTRUCTED 2 x 6, 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom, with private access to mainstream AuSable, 5 miles east of Grayling, \$109,000. 348-4840. (-15-22-29-5/1)

MOBILE HOME 2-3 bedroom for sale, owner finance on lot, 989-348-5278 or 586-405-0030. (3/20/08t/f1)

1. Real Estate

THIS AUSABLE RIVER HOME has over 175 feet of river frontage, and is only 25 feet from the river. You can fly fish from the 750 square foot wrap-around deck. Enjoy this 2,175 square foot 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home located on the east branch, 1 mile north of Mercy hospital. Featuring a full sized kitchen, living room, finished walkout basement, fireplace, hot tub, large cedar sauna and much more. The manicured lawn is watered from an underground sprinkler system and looks like a well maintained golf course. Price has been reduced from \$239,500 down to \$199,500. Lets talk. Call 989-348-2083 for showing by owner. (3/13/08t/f1)

HOUSE FOR SALE 1560 sq. ft. (asking mid seventies), 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 baths, 2 car garage detached, new back deck 10'x29', also enclosed 10'x20' front porch, 2 storage sheds, plus 4+ acres on M-72 East, Grayling. 989-390-1680. (LR5/29/08/1)

SMALL 2 BEDROOM 1.5 bath with natural gas fireplace and 2 car garage in Village of Roscommon. Home includes refrigerator, stove, washer, dryer, microwave, window AC. Sales price of \$62,000 with seller to provide \$2,000 cash to buyer at closing. Land contract possible with \$5,000 down, however, no cash to buyer at closing. Call 989-889-5204. (-15-22/1)

NEWER 2700 SQ FT 3 bedroom 2 1/2 bath, open floor plan, 9 foot ceilings, 3 stall attached heated garage, secluded but minutes to town, beautiful yard with sprinkler system. \$206,000, must see. 989-348-1513. (-15/1)

1. Real Estate

LEWISTON 4270 Mt. Montmorency St. Nice 3 bedroom 1 bath home. Knotty pine throughout, basement, attached garage, newer electric, roof, furnace, water heater, bath, kitchen, well, septic tank & drain field. Open house, May 31, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. \$79,000. 989-584-6024. (-15-22-29/1)

HOBBY FARM FOR SALE 37.5 fenced acres, idyllic country setting, surrounded by state land and trails; 2 barns, one with heated tack room; 2 feed/storage structures. 2300 sq. ft. Cape style, cedar sided home in excellent condition with attached garage/bonus room/large deck. 3 br, 2 bath, hot tub, large yard, stone fireplace, \$320,000. Call 989-344-1678. (-1-8-15-22-29/1)

2. For Rent

SENIOR APARTMENTS AVAILABLE at The Brook Retirement Communities. Offering Independent and Assisted Living. Lots of amenities, activities, beautiful surroundings and affordable living. Communities located in: Houghton Lake (989) 422-7200 Roscommon (989) 275-4000, West Branch (989) 343-1400, Gladwin (989) 426-8700. Call or stop by today for a personalized tour. (5/10/2007t/f2)

2. For Rent

MOBILE HOMES 4 RENT 2 and 3 bedroom, \$425 and up. Also, trailers for sale. 348-5278. (9/28/06t/f2)

OFFICE SPACE in Roscommon, great location. \$475 per month, plus utilities. 989-348-2466, AuSable Rentals. (1/10/08t/f2)

FOR RENT two bedroom home located at 303 S. 5th Street in Roscommon. \$450 per month, plus utilities and deposit. No pets! Contact Northwoods Rentals. 989-344-8787. (-8-15/2)

FOR RENT 1 bedroom apartment in town; \$485 a month. Rent includes heat and water. References and security deposit required. Phone 989-619-9689 for more info. (-5-22/2)

TWO-BEDROOM DUPLEXES remodeled, all new, floors, cabinets, walls, appliances, laundry hook-up, snow plowing, etc. Nonsmokers please, \$495. 700 B Smith St. and 8110 Insley Ave. 348-2178. (5/8/08t/f2)

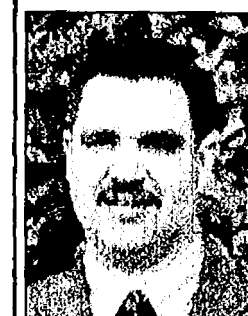
FOUR BEDROOM HOUSE 1 bath, full basement, 2 1/2 car garage on 1 acre. \$650 month plus \$650 security deposit. Tenant pays utilities. 4571 Nels Dr. 1/2 mile from City. No pets. 348-4716. (5/15/08t/f2)

NICE 2 BEDROOM CABIN \$450 a month, \$200 deposit. Includes utilities. Call 989-915-7195 or 989-275-5774. (-15/2)

2 BEDROOMS 308 Mikado, \$530 including heat & water, 760-567-5536 or 989-348-8793. (-8-15/2)

1. Real Estate**1. Real Estate**

I am the missing link to your Real Estate Sale

DAN BONAMIE II
Sales Associate

Cell (989) 710-1194

Fax (989) 348-7556

Email:

Sales@NorthernListings.com

Web:

www.NorthernListings.com

RE/MAX



My specialty is bringing Buyers & Sellers Together

Thinking of selling?

Call now to get a FREE Market Evaluation done on your home or property.

An evaluation is the first step in the sales process. Call and schedule an appointment today.

Looking to Buy?

Thinking of upgrading or buying that first home?

Zero Down Financing still available!

Contact me to see what is available.

I will search the market until I find what you need!

DAN BONAMIE II CELL 989-710-1194

Your Crawford County Real Estate Specialist

CHARLENE SCHEER
Broker / Owner
Limited Real Estate Appraiser
CRB, GRI, CRS, ABR5728 M-72 West
EACH OFFICE INDEPENDENTLY
OWNED & OPERATED
(989) 348-7440
800-731-4002CRAIG HINKLE
Broker/Owner
State Licensed Appraiser

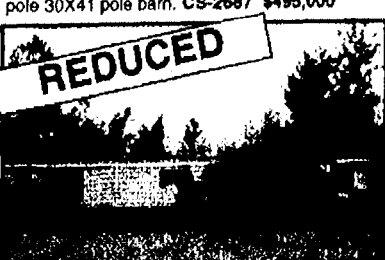
COMMERCIAL
OPPORTUNITY IS KNOCKING. General Commercial District for retail/wholesale foods, florist shops, clothing, dry goods, hardware, furniture and household appliances. Professional services such as doctors, lawyers, dentists etc. Personal services such as beauty salons, barber shops, tailor shops and shoe repair, commercial day care facility, and much more. CS-2691 \$60,000



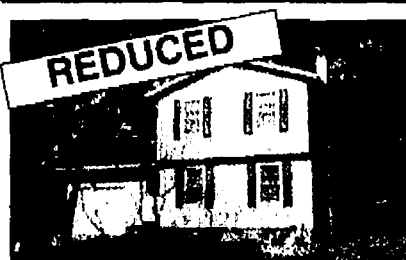
LAKE MARGRETHE
100' FRONTAGE ON BEAUTIFUL LAKE MARGRETHE! Open floor plan with cathedral ceiling and beautiful brick fireplace for those cozy evenings. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths offers 2,063 sq. ft. Wet bar, snack bar. Master suite offers large walk-in closet and sunken tub with separate shower. Interior offers cedar and drywall. New roof on house and garage. Walk-out patio doors onto large deck. Paver sidewalks. Sprinkler system. 2 car detached garage. Black top driveway. Beautifully landscaped. CS-2551 \$524,000



LAKE MARGRETHE
NAUTICAL NEIGHBORHOOD 75' of frontage on Lake Margrethe. Fantastic views from this 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, offers 2,534 sq. ft. Large family room with wet bar, sink and refrigerator. Living room offers natural gas fireplace. Open floor plan to kitchen and dining area with oak kitchen cabinets and island cook top. Knotty pine and drywall throughout. Nice hardwood floors. Master bedroom has patio door onto deck. Large laundry room/mud room, paver sidewalks and patio area, wrap around deck, shed, additional back lot with pole 30x41 pole barn. CS-2697 \$495,000



REDUCED
SECLUDED SETTING OFFERING 1 1/2 ACRES +/- WITH STATE LAND AT END OF ROAD (600 FEET AWAY) 3 bedrooms, 2 baths with central air. Open kitchen, dining and living area with vaulted ceilings. Stove, refrigerator & microwave to stay. Large covered front porch. Master bath offers garden tub with skylight & separate shower. Nicely landscaped. 24x30 pole barn and 8x12 shed. Association Dues \$150. CS-2457 \$49,900



REDUCED
AN ELEGANT APPROACH TO TRADITIONAL STYLE! Well maintained 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath home with basement. Newly remodeled kitchen with solid maple cabinets, lazy susan, and snack bar. Living room offers wood stove with brick surround. New vinyl siding and roof 2005. Circle driveway. Very tastefully decorated. Large deck off dining room. Nicely landscaped. Stately trees on property. Very Nice - A MUST SEE. CS-2490 \$98,900



COMMERCIAL
TERRIFIC LOCATION FOR RETAIL BUSINESS! Be your own boss and turn the key to profit. High visibility, highway access; new streetscape project with new sidewalks, landscaping, and paved street. 3,335 total square feet of retail space w/ basement (275 s.f.). CS-2609 \$89,900



HORSESHOE LAKE, 20' Frontage and 6.2 Acres, 1,410 s.f., two bedroom, one bath dwelling with basement. 30 x 47 attached garage. Former RV Park, 20 campsites with electric and water hook ups. Bathhouse and restroom features two wells and two septic systems. Approx 400' frontage on Old US 27. CH-2605 \$115,000



VERY SECLUDED 2.5 ACRES WITH NO VISIBLE NEIGHBORS. Property adjoins thousands of acres of state land on two sides offering abundance of wildlife and trails. This up north home features 1,660 s.f., three bedroom, and two baths. Large kitchen and utility room with pine flooring. Two zone hot water. B/B heat and a Fisher wood stove. 28 x 32 garage/pole barn, two decks, and balcony off upstairs bedroom. Seller is a licensed Real Estate Agent in the State of Michigan. CH-2601 \$127,500



NEW LISTING
LARGE MANUFACTURED HOME with 4 B/R, 3 baths. Dwelling is divided into three separate rental units. New water well. Many possibilities as large family home with guest quarters, apartments or assisted living. Ideal fixer-upper. Priced below SEV \$31,400 CH-2694 \$29,900



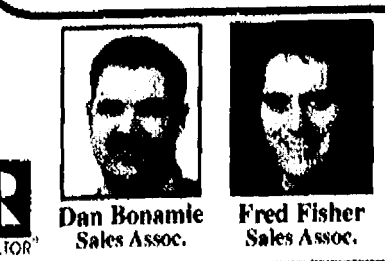
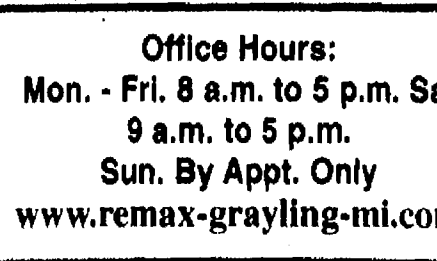
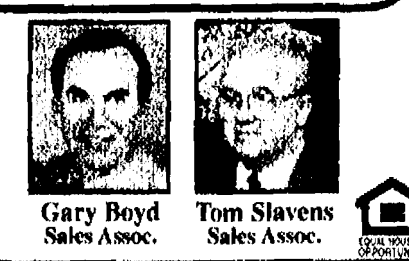
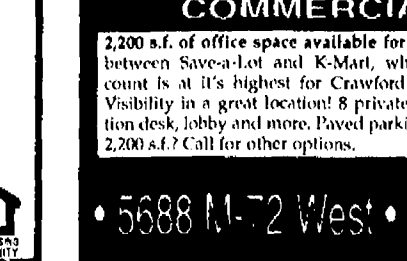
NEW LISTING
NEED EXTRA STORAGE! 2.6 Acres just minutes from town. Remodeled 1,838 s.f. raised ranch with split level design. 3 B/R, 2 1/4 baths, large living room w/ fireplace, three garages, Anderson Windows, master B/R w/ walk-in closet and 3/4 bath, 10x20 Florida room, and 1,116 s.f. finished lower level. Many recent updates include: kitchen and appliances, concrete circle drive, roof, carpet, and interior paint. 16x20 heated garage, 24x40 pole barn, and 30x40 pole barn. Priced below S.E.V. \$79,000. CH-2690 \$149,900



AUSABLE RIVER
181' PRISTINE MAINSTREAM FRONTAGE WITH TOWERING WHITE PINES Two AuSable River front retreats plus sauna/bunk house. Exceptional views with gravel bottom stream. Very private 1.8 acres with gated driveway. Patio with hot tub and dock in river. CH-2638 \$317,500



CUSTOM CHALET ADJOINING AUSABLE STATE FOREST Located on 3.4 acres of rolling hardwoods. 1 1/2 story chalet, 4 b/r, 3 bath, finished walk-out basement with six panel pine door, 2 dormers and trepanzoid windows. Home includes recessed lighting, knotty pine wood flooring, central A/C, ceramic tile bathrooms, gas fireplace and full stainless steel appliances. Wrap-around deck and 4 zones in-ground sprinklers system. Adjacent 2.4 acre parcel available at \$16,000. CH-2660 \$179,900

Dan Bonamie II
Sales Assoc.Fred Fisher
Sales Assoc.Office Hours:
Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat.
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sun. By Appt. Only
www.remmax-grayling-mi.comGary Boyd
Sales Assoc.Tom Slavens
Sales Assoc.Servicing Every
Size and
Every Budget!

NEW LISTING
Very serene and private setting with a beautiful riverside front lawn. Features include large deck, well landscaped property, garden shed, fireplace, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and cheerful sun porch overlooking the river. #5983 \$175,000

NEW LISTING
This property is located very close to town on the East Branch of the AuSable River and features new hardwood floors in areas of the main floor, 2 1/2 baths and up to 5 bedrooms. Must See! #5941 \$275,000

NEW LISTING
Lake Margrethe is right there! Public access & park is just a few hundred feet away from this darling Chalet home with garage and work shop. Close to snowmobile trails, state land, golfing, skiing, hiking, biking and more. #5982 \$87,000

REDUCED
Almost new, near Lake Margrethe! Close to all your "Up-North" fun activities, like snowmobile trails, state land, lakes, golfing, skiing, hiking, and biking. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, master suite, cathedral ceilings, central air, 2 car garage. #5981 \$36,500

REDUCED
Secluded but easy access, beautiful 10 square acres of property, plus beautiful home with 3 bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths with over 2,000 s.f. of living space, enclosed large porch, attached garage. Must See!! #5711 \$186,900

REDUCED
You have to take a look, to truly appreciate how nice it is! Completely dry walled with a 16 x 26 living room addition w/ cathedral ceilings. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car attached garage, air conditioned, block foundation, metal roof, 4 zone sprinkler system, & more! #5852 \$59,900

NEW LISTING
Three bedrooms, two bath, 2.5 car garage! Manistee River Woods subdivision; backs up to open space & you share Manistee River frontage! Home shows brand new-wood floors in kitchen, dining & front entrance. #5908 \$99,500

REDUCED
What a pretty setting! This CLEAN air conditioned, 2 bedroom mobile home is setting on a nicely wooded lot with an attached large front deck, a newer 18x22 drive through carport on the circle drive, 2 sheds and RV hook up. #5860 \$34,900

REDUCED
2,080 sq. ft. of well maintained living space offers 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, living room w/ vaulted ceilings, family room, 2 car garage, paved drive, & extensive decking! All the amenities of Culture Lakes: club house, pool, sauna, lake access, boat & bike rental. #5936 \$108,800

COMMERCIAL
2,200 s.f. of office space available for lease. Located between Save-A-Lot and K-Mart, where the traffic count is at it's highest for Crawford County. High visibility in a great location! 8 private offices, reception desk, lobby and more. Paved parking. Don't need 2,200 s.f. Call for other options.

Gorgeous country setting 2.59 acres. Large covered porch, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, cathedral ceilings, gas fireplace, back deck, breakfast bar, 2 wood sheds and more. #5854 \$169,900

• 5688 M-72 West • Grayling MI 49738 • 989-348-5474 • www.century21grayling.com •

5. For Sale

CRAFT BUSINESS welcome post, post people, 6'x10' enclosed cargo trailer, 56 4" to 6" cedar post 28 rough sawn pine 4"x4"x10', canopy 10'x10', 12 plastic totes assorted painted pieces patterns and misc. items sell as package deal. Come and look. Call 348-4031. (-8-15/5)

12 GAUGE full chock single shot New England shotgun, \$65. Also Ruger 10-22 semi-automatic 10 shot clip, \$85. Call Doug Stallard 989-745-1503. (-15/5)

15,000 BTU air conditioner, excellent condition, \$250 OBO, 348-7297. (-15/5)

CANOES FOR SALE at Hutt's Camping & Canoeing. Asking \$200 for each canoe, includes equipment. In good condition. Also have two canoe trailers for \$500 each. If interested call Diane Hutt, 941-639-4042, or Corey Wyshirl at Scott McNamara, 989-348-3242. (-15-22-29/5)

LIKE NEW 14 foot wide, deep hull Meyer's boat with trailer and 2005 Johnson 8 hp motor. Also includes Minnkota electric trolling motor and fish finder. \$1,995. Call 989-745-6200 or 989-619-2948. (-15-22/5)

2005 TRUCK CAP Hi aluminum, 5 ft. with opening windows. Fits Canyon or Colorado. Black. \$200. Call 989-745-6200 or 989-619-2948. (-15-22/5)

FURNITURE bow front mahogany linen chest (like dresser-buffet), \$250. Blonde mahogany king size storage head board and bed \$150, matching mens & womens dressers \$150 each, 54" round pedestal dining table \$150. Queen size sofa bed \$150. Coffee and end tables, striped arm chairs, lazy boy recliner, prices negotiable. Call starting Friday. 348-9606. (-15/5)

6. Wanted

BUYING GOLD
Jewelry, Silver and Coins
Immediate Payment
Gold Rush Jewelers
828 W. Houghton Lake Drive
Prudenville (989)366-7939

5. For Sale

WROUGHT IRON PATIO furniture 48" glass top table, 4 chairs with cushions, umbrella, excellent condition, 989-348-8248. (-15/5)

6. Wanted

WANTED-SCRAP VEHICLES SMR is paying up to \$1,000 delivered. Also pick up available. Call for details 9-5. 888-471-3818. (4/3/08t/6)

WANTED TO BUY Rittenhouse or Habitant cottage furniture. 248-851-7585. (03/2/06t/6)

WARREN FOREST PRODUCTS We buy standing timber and sell firewood by the loggers cord. Call 989-348-7133 during the day and leave a message. Evenings call 231-229-4845, ask for Chan. (LR5/22/08/6)

WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE Paying cash for cars and trucks. Quick pick up. 989-786-3932. (-15-22-29-5-12/6)

BUYING JUNK VEHICLES Price varies with size but will pay the most. Call Don at 231-587-0856 or 888-468-7313. (10/11/07t/6)

GENTLY USED BOOKS for the Crawford County Library book sale, July 24 & 25. Please drop off at the library during regular hours. Call 348-9214 if any questions. (4/3/08t/6)

ATTN LOCAL CRAFTERS put your crafts in our new store in Grayling. Sell on consignment. 989-348-8999. (-8-15/6)

7. Miscellaneous

Signs & Banners of All Kinds
Business, Truck, Trailer, Jobsites, Magnetics
Pete Kocefas
989-348-8627
1-800-848-1268
www.SledheadsUSA.com

6. Wanted

7. Miscellaneous

3 KITTENS FREE need loving home. 989-348-6869. (-15/7)

SIGN SEASON IS HERE! Signs for your business, events, jobsite. LED video, vehicle graphics and wraps. Call Pete Kocefas 348-8627. (-1-8-15-22/7)

SHAPE UP WITH CHAR Come lose inches & more. A program that works. 348-6542. Sr. discounts, join now and get a month free. (-8-15-22-29/7)

LOST cream & white male Pomeranian near Pioneer Rd. & Steckert Bridge Rd., Roscommon, 989-915-2514. (-8-15/7)

ATTN LOCAL CRAFTERS put your crafts in our new store in Grayling. Sell on consignment. 989-348-8999. (-8-15/7)

12" CHIPPER now available at Reasonable Rental, \$180 per day. Call 989-275-5972. (LR06/26/08/7)

WANTED BEAR ARCHERY bows, arrows, artifacts, pictures. Call Pete Kocefas 989-348-8627 or 1-800-848-1268 Grayling. (-15-22-29/7)

8. Announcements

MIP and anger management programs. GRACE Center, Grayling. 989-348-2544. (10/11/07t/8)

ESTATE & MOVING AUCTION! May 17, 10 a.m., Mio. Furniture; glassware; household, kitchen, collectibles; garage, shop, outside & sportsman related; canoes; generator; chipper; coins & more! View online or call. Lets Talk Auction Company 989-848-5158, www.LetsTalkAuction.com. (-15/8)

FREE T-SHIRT by enrolling for fall classes by June 14th. Call Krystal Stars 348-6542 or 348-5627. (-15-22-29/8)

JULAE AUCTIONS & APPRAISAL is now offering estate sale service. If we can assist you call 989-390-4920. (-8-15-22-29/8)

HALL FOR RENT American Legion Post 106, Grayling, with kitchen. All occasions. Contact manager 348-7232. (-6-20-3-17-1-15/8)

8. Announcements

INVENTORY REDUCTION SALE! Bloomin' Grape Deli. Last Weeks! 303 S. James St. next to Dairy Queen. (sgf-8-15/8)

USE YOUR GOVERNMENT REBATE wisely. Fick & Sons propane price protection plans are coming soon. Lock in your propane price for next year. (-17-24-1-8-15-22/8)

ST. MARY'S LADIES CLUB spring bake sale, Saturday, May 17, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., in the Family Center. (-8-15/8)

SUMMER CAMP FOR KIDS Dance, gymnastics, cheer, poms & baton twirling. Lots of fun, awards, prizes & pizza too! Call The Krystal Stars at 348-6542 for your free lesson. (-8-15-22-29/8)

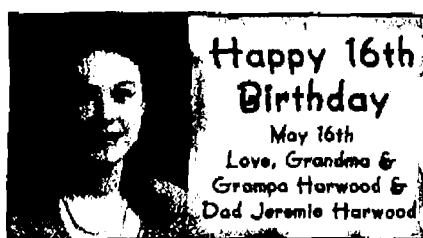
KRYSTAL STARS DANCE CLUB now forming for ages 35 yrs. and up. Meets in the mornings and also evenings. Call 348-6542. (5/8/08t/8)

ATTN LOCAL CRAFTERS put your crafts in our new store in Grayling. Sell on consignment. 989-348-8999. (-8-15/8)

BENEFIT TEA and Art Sale. Please join us as we support Elaine as she begins her battle with breast cancer. She is a local artist and the wife of Terry Luckstead. Come enjoy her work and make a donation. Friday, May 16, 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. The home of Mike and Rhonda Hopkins, 411 Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738, ph. 989-448-4200. Contact: Elaine and Terry Luckstead, Ph. 989-448-4643, e-mail at tlucksted@msn.com. Visit ElaineInk.com for online ordering. (-8-15/8)

9. Personals

CONGRATULATIONS CANOE 144, Justin Denno & Jordan Wakeley for 1st place in the Onaway Amateur Race. We are proud of you. Grandma & Grandpa Denno, Aunt Jodi and mom. (-15/9)



8. Announcements

ACCEPTING BIDS

The Devereaux Memorial Library, located at 201 Plum St., Grayling, Michigan is accepting bids for annual lawn, sprinkler and landscape maintenance. Licensed contractors must have liability insurance totaling one million dollars. Bids accepted until May 29, 2008. Job description available at the Library circulation desk.

9. Personals

CONGRATULATIONS Jordan Wakeley and Justin Denno on your 1st place finish in the Onaway Amateur Race. Keep up the good work. Mom, dad, Courtney and grandmas. (-15/9)

GRAYLING FORD Terry and Kevin great deals, great service, great guys to work with. Thank you Dave and Carol Peterson. (15/9)

THANK YOU FIREFIGHTERS emergency personnel and volunteers. Your skills and hard work will always be appreciated. Thank you God. (-15/9)

10. Garage Sales

GARAGE SALE Friday & Saturday, May 23 & 24, 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Military items, chain saw, hand tools, fishing poles, nets, exercise equipment, bike, picnic table, etc. Located 2305 Robinson Lake Road, within Town and Country Storage, Unit #95. (-15/22/10)

10. Garage Sales

WATCH FOR OUR HUGE Memorial weekend sale. Lots of good things. Furniture, antiques, tables & chairs, rockers, recliners, sporting goods, good fishing & hunting clothes & tools. 8059 North Roberts Rd., Frederic. Turn on exit 264, turn right on 612, then left, follow signs. May 23, 24, 25, 26, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (-15-20/10)

RUMMAGE SALE May 16 & 17, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church on Spruce Street. (-15/10)

DOWNSIZING GARAGE SALE moved north. Thursday, May 22nd, through Sat., May 24th, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lund boat w/trailer, Martin bow, tools, TVs, kitchenware, office supplies, garden supplies, clothes, crafts, Christmas, and much more! North Down River to Wilcox Bridge to Jones Lake to Woodland to 3070 Palmer Place, Grayling - follow signs. (-15-22/10)

8. Announcements

8. Announcements

WANTED:
Sell Your Scrap Gold,
Silver, and Old Money!!!
2 Days Only. May 16th & 17th.
9-6 both days.

We will be located at
The Holiday Inn Express in Gaylord
1201 W. Main St.

We Buy All Silver, Gold
and Platinum as well as
Coins, including:

- \$ Foreign Gold & Silver Coins
- \$ U.S. Coins
- \$ Pocket Watches
- \$ Mint Sets
- \$ Indian Cents
- \$ Silver Bars
- \$ Jewelry
- \$ Silver Coins
- (1964-older \$.50, \$.25 \$.10)
- Half Dollars 1965-1969
- Silver Dollars 1935-older
- \$ Proof Sets
- \$ Sterling Sets
- \$ Silver Rounds
- \$ Sterling Flatware
- \$ Old Paper Money
- \$ Civil War Items
- \$ Bear Traps

Also Michigan Hunting and
Fishing Badges 1928-1932

Heritage Collectibles is licensed to purchase precious metals & gems. We will be located at The Holiday Inn Express, Gaylord, 1201 W. Main St.

For Details Call: 1-810-656-0862

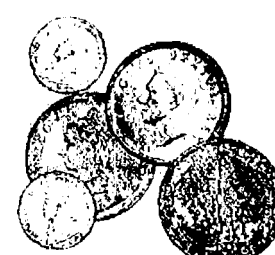


Buying Gold

Prices Subject To
Market Status
**10K, 14K, 16K,
18K, 24K**
Class Rings, Coins, Rounds,
Wedding Rings, Dental, Broken
and Damaged Gold Items, All
Gold & Platinum Rings,
Sterling Silver, Bracelets
Charms and Necklaces

Also
Buying
Platinum
and
Silver!

May 16th May 17th
9am-6pm 9am-6pm



Classifieds get results!!

C ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

Crawford County Avalanche

989-348-6811 • www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com

Categories (Circle One)

- | | | | |
|------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1. Real Estate | 3. Employment | 6. Wanted | 9. Personals |
| 2. For Rent | 4. Services Offered | 7. Miscellaneous | 10. Garage Sales |
| 2a. Want To Rent | 5. For Sale | 8. Announcements | 11. Automotive |

\$6.00	\$6.10	\$6.20	\$6.30	\$6.40	\$6.50	\$6.60	
\$6.70	\$6.80	\$6.90	\$7.00	\$7.10	\$7.20	\$7.30	
\$7.40	\$7.50	\$7.60	\$7.70	\$7.80	\$7.90	\$8.00	
\$8.10	\$8.20	\$8.30	\$8.40	\$8.50	\$8.60	\$8.70	
\$8.80	\$8.90	\$9.00	\$9.10	\$9.20	\$9.30	\$9.40	
\$9.50	\$9.60	\$9.70	\$9.80	\$9.90	\$10.00	\$10.10	

CLASSIFIEDS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE BY TUESDAY NOON

Minimum charge, \$6.00 for the first 15 words, 10¢ for each additional word. Please use as many words as you like, one word per box. Includes listing on the Avalanche internet page.

10. Garage Sale

LARGE FOUR FAMILY garage sale. 6858 Manistee St., Frederic, May 16-17-18, 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Kids and adult clothes, swimming pool, dishes, and many other things. (-15/10)

GARAGE SALE May 16-18, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Exit 251 off I-75. Go east 4-Mile Rd., watch for signs. (-15/10)

COMING Rummage sale at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, Grayling, on May 30 & 31. (sgf-15-22/10)

GARAGE SALE Thursday & Friday 9 a.m. till 5 p.m. 304 Evergreen Drive, Grayling. (-15/10)

YARD SALE Camping equipment, Saturday, May 17th, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eureka tent, gazebo & everything needed for four. 4x6 trailer with custom cover. Hospital to North Down, right to Glenn and right on Orbit, 6th on right at 4636 Orbit. (-15/10)

MOVING SALE Moving from Fred Bear's home. Large oak computer office desk, couches, tables, patio furniture, chairs, piano, curio cabinet, riding lawn mower, credenza, treadmill and other misc. items. Sat. May 17, from 10-5, 505 Fred Bear Dr., Grayling. (-15/10)

MEMORIAL DAY garage sale extravaganza! Like new items for the whole family. Furniture, tools, household items, lightly used clothes, variety of sizes, exercise equipment, bike. May 23rd, 24th & 25th 2008, 9a-4p. 206 Jackpine Drive, Roscommon. Follow signs on Pioneer Hill. (-15-22/10)

11. Automotive

10. Garage Sale

GARAGE SALE 76 Isenhauer, May 16 & 17, 9 - 5. Gas dryer, furniture, misc. (-15/10)

3 FAMILY GARAGE SALE May 16 & 17, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Furniture, craftsmen table saw & tools, cabinet, household things & more. 356 Red Tailed Hawk Loop. (-15/10)

11. Automotive

CAR DETAILING Let JJ's Motor Mall make your vehicle sparkle inside & out! 348-7710. (5/31/07tf/11)

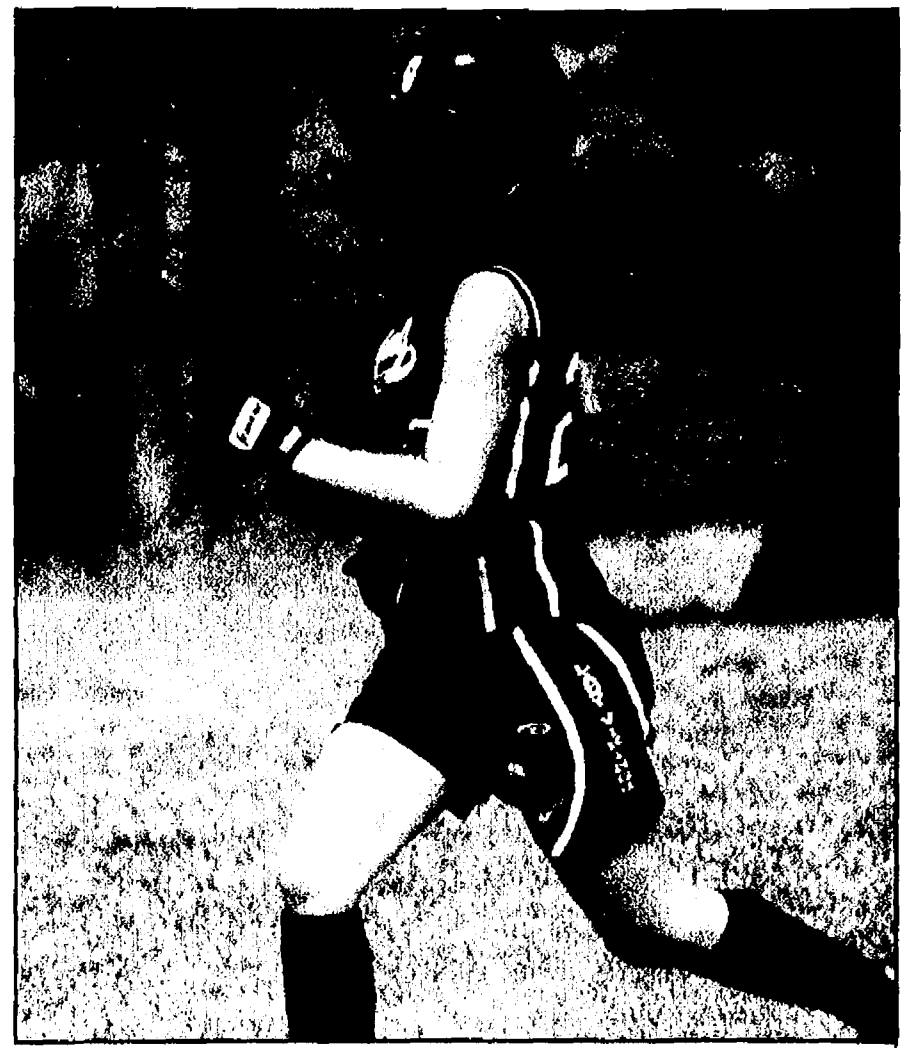
AUTO GLASS repair and replacement now available at JJ's Auto Glass. 348-7710. (9/29/05tf/11)

TWO NEW ACR racing car seats, black, \$150 for one, both for \$275. 989-348-2495. (4/24/08tf/11)

FOR SALE 1965 Ford Mustang, 2 dr coupe, 3sp, new brakes, rebuilt 302 with Edelbrock manifold and Cobra heads, runs great, some frame rust. Paid \$3500, have added some extras, make offer. 989-348-2495. (-4/24/08tf/11)

FOR SALE 1993 Ford L8000 dump, Cummins engine (diesel) truck, 63,000 miles, 7 cyd box automatic transmission, air brakes, full time PTO, underbody plow & front plow assembly, electronic salt/sand spreader, electronic tarp roller, air trip tailgate, AM/FM stereo, right side power window. Excellent condition, \$17,000 OBO. Call 989-348-4898 or 989-745-4395 (cell), ask for Brian. (-8-15/11)

98 DODGE CARAVAN leather, loaded, 3rd seat. Very clean, \$2,800. 2001 Honda 80 4 stroke, low hours, very clean. \$875. 989-390-9987. (-15-22/11)



Photos by Caleb Casey

Center fielder Rachel Ward, left, throws the ball into the infield during Saturday's tournament championship game against Gladwin. Sam Schreiber, right, runs from first base to second base on Saturday.

Softball team wins two games at Lincoln-Alcona

Continued from Page 1B

In the game against Gladwin, Bindschatel was 1 for 2 with a single and one RBI. Etzler was 1 for 2 with a double.

"All the girls were excited to host our own tournament. We started a little slow against Mio, but made up for it in the second inning, scoring eight (runs). We added six runs in the third inning and never looked back. Rachel Ward was perfect at the plate going 2 for 3, scoring twice, and knocking in two runs. Alyssa Lewis, Cayla Johnson, Megan Etzler, and Kelsey Neuberger also added multi-hit performances," Coach Keri Brock said.

"We knew from playing Gladwin earlier in the season that they were a very disciplined team. A five-error third inning proved to be too much for us. We put the ball in play, but hit it right at them," Coach Brock said.

On Thursday night, the Vikings defeated the Lincoln-Alcona Tigers 7-1, 6-4 in a series played at Alcona.

Bindschatel pitched a one-hitter for Grayling in game one of the doubleheader. She struck out three batters and didn't allow any walks. Bindschatel also picked up the win in game two. She allowed two earned runs on nine hits and finished with six strikeouts.

Leading hitters for Grayling in the series: (game one) Lewis, 1 for 4, 1 single, 2 runs scored; Johnson, 2 for 3, 1 single, 1 triple, 1 sacrifice fly, 1 run scored; Sam Schreiber, 2 for 4, 2 singles, 1 run, 2 RBIs; Bindschatel, 1 for 3, 1 single, 1 run scored, 1 RBI; Peters, 1 for 3, 1 double, 1 run scored; Neuberger, 2 for 3, 2 singles, 1 stolen base; (game two) Johnson, 1 for 4, 1 double, 1 run, 1 RBI; Schreiber, 2 runs scored, 1 walk; Bindschatel, 2 for 3, 2 sin-

gles; Gabby Calkins 3 walks, 1 run scored.

"The Lincoln-Alcona game was a confidence booster for us. Joni pitched a stellar first game, allowing just one hit and striking out three. Her teammates played strong defense behind her, which relieves a lot of pressure when you are on the mound. We hit the ball hard and found some holes. Schreiber, Johnson, and Neuberger each had a multi-hit game. The second game started slow for us. We seemed to coast for a couple innings, which forced us to play catch-up. I was very impressed with our poise in the final inning. We needed two runs to tie and the girls came up big with four. We ran the bases well and forced some key errors. It was a great win," Coach Brock said.

The Vikings lost two league games at Charlevoix on Tuesday

night. The Rayders won the series 7-3, 16-1.

Grayling's leading hitters were: (game one) Schreiber, 1 for 3, 1 single, 1 RBI; Etzler, 1 for 2, 1 single, 1 run scored; Peters, 1 for 2, 1 single, 2 RBIs; (game two) Johnson, 1 for 2, 1 single, 1 run; Schreiber, 1 for 2, 1 double, 1 RBI, 1 stolen base; Etzler, 1 for 2, 1 single, 1 stolen base.

"We struggled against Charlevoix. A combination of errors, passed balls, and wild pitches made it virtually impossible to make a game of it. To be honest, we beat ourselves," Coach Brock said. "With just two teams left in our league to play, we need to be at the top of our game in the next couple weeks to finish in the top half."

The Vikings (7-17 overall, 3-7 conference) will host Houghton Lake on Friday, May 16, at 4:30 p.m.

OIL CHANGE IN 29 MINUTES

- Oil change (up to five quarts of oil)
- Oil filter
- Chassis lube
- Fluid level checks
- Brakes - differential transfer case - transmission - windshield washer
- 25-point inspection

No Appointment Necessary Diesels Extra

AS LOW AS **\$26.95**

SCHEER MOTORS

Goodwrench

Hours: Mon 7:30 am - 7:00 pm
Tues - Fri 7:30 am - 5:30 pm

US-27 North, Grayling • 989-348-5451

SCHEER MOTORS

Customer: Brad Robinson
Salesperson: Scott Hartman

Why I bought from Scheer Motors...

"The reason I purchased from Scheer Motors was the friendly service and the follow-up calls from the sales consultant, as well as being reasonable with the price of the vehicle!" ~ Brad

Special of the Week

2006 Chevrolet HHR 2LT!

Bright Chrome Appearance Package, 4 Wheel Anti-lock Brakes, Fog Lamps, 7 Speaker Pioneer Sound System, High Potholed 17" Forged Alloy Wheels, Remote Start, And Much More!

Now Only \$14,988

"Your Hometown Dealer"

Certified Hours - Mon. : 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Certified
Tue. - Fri. 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Sat. 9-2 U.S. 27 NORTH • Grayling
www.scheermotors.com
CALL TODAY! • 989-348-5451



Cayla Johnson, left, bunts for Grayling during Saturday's round one tournament game vs. the Mio Thunderbolts. Kelsey Neuberger, right, scores a run for the Vikings during the Mio game.

Wendy's

Vikings of the Week

Softball
Coach: Keri Brock

JONI BINDSCHATEL & CAYLA JOHNSON

"Joni picked up three wins on the mound this week, including a one-hit, three strikeout performance against Lincoln Alcona. Cayla continued her consistency at the plate this week, adding six hits - four singles, one double, and one triple - and four runs scored. She is seeing the ball well and moving runners from the two spot," their coach said.



Left fielder Megan Etzler, left, tosses the ball to an infielder on Saturday during the game against Gladwin. First baseman Kirstie Wakeley, right, catches a throw.